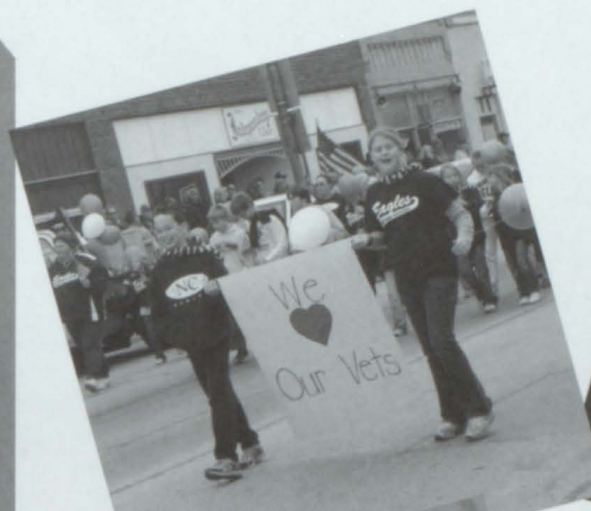




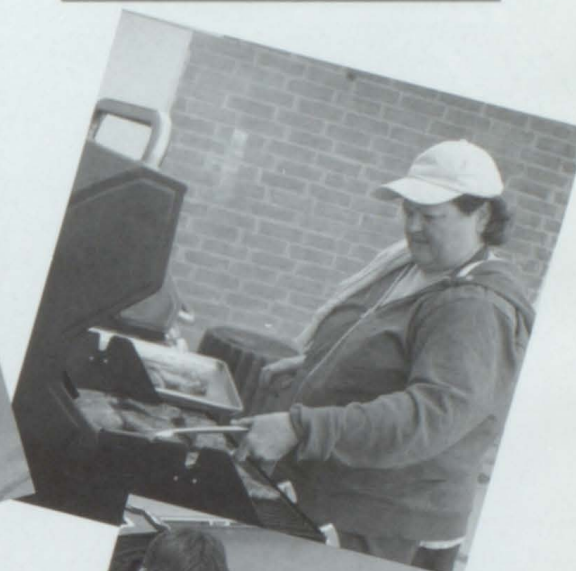
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Top Right: Zachary Dockweiler and Whitney Heuermann carry a banner in the annual Veteran's Day Parade. All elementary students marched in the parade to honor the courageous veterans.



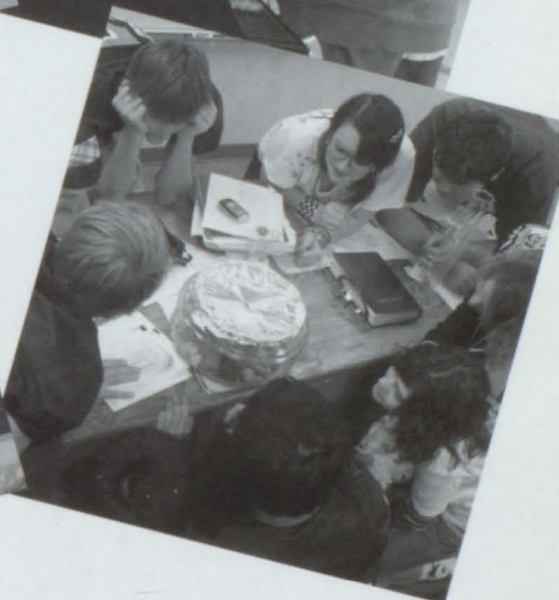
Top Far Right: Mrs. Shelly Rodehorst skillfully grills steaks for supper. Rodehorst joined Mrs. Michele Boutin and Mrs. Marilyn Ritta as one of the cooks. A native of Kearney, Rodehorst lived in the girls' dorm during the school week in order to serve the NC family.



Bottom Right: Balancing a tray full of dishes, Jasmine Guo buses tables at the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival was held every fall to honor Nebraska Christian's contributors.



Bottom Far Right: Fascinated by two praying mantises, members of the Anatomy and Physiology class await the carnage. Many students enjoyed the hands-on activities Mrs. Dee Flynn utilized in her classroom.



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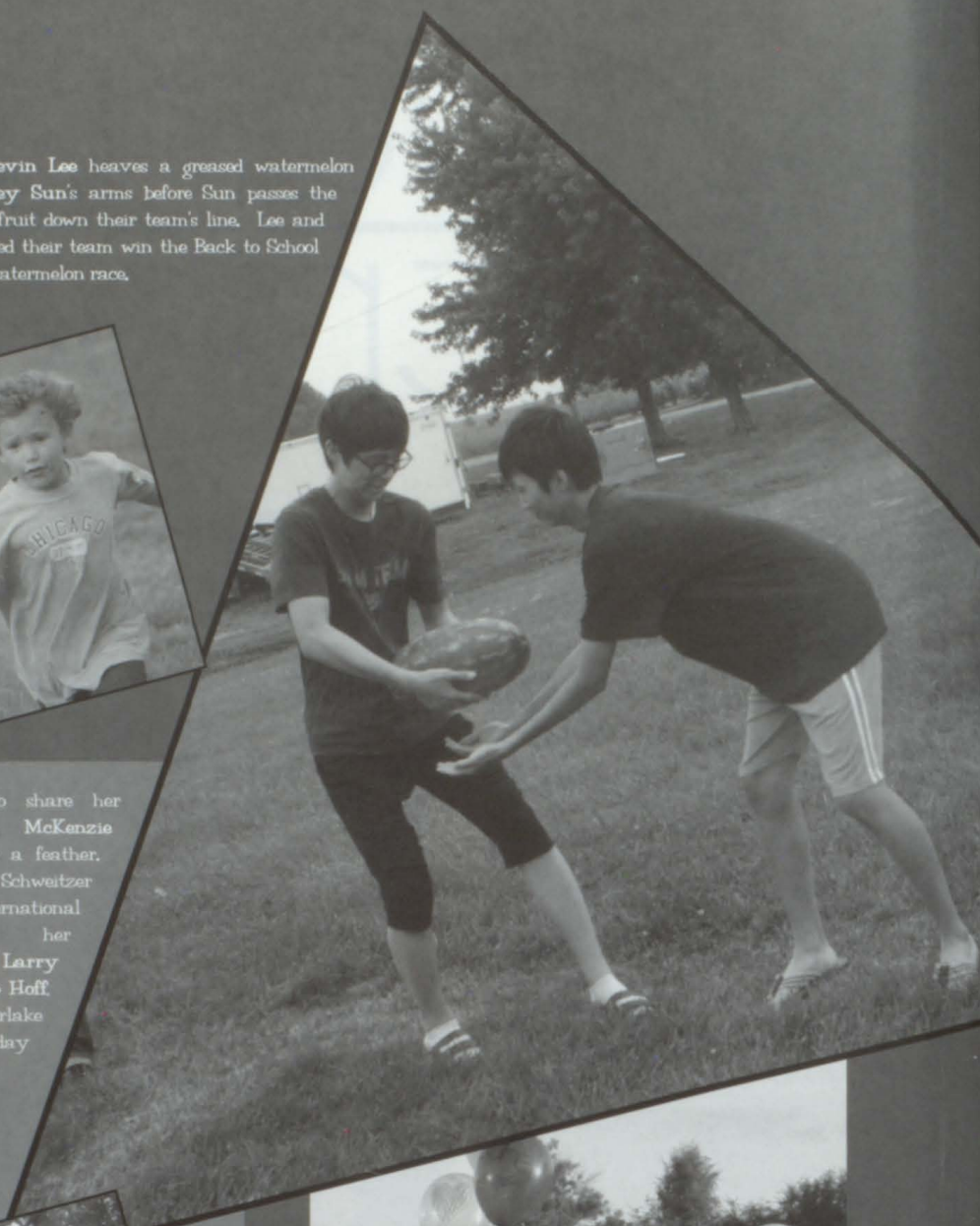


# Senior

Right: Kevin Lee heaves a greased watermelon into Joey Sun's arms before Sun passes the slippery fruit down their team's line. Lee and Sun helped their team win the Back to School Social's watermelon race.



Above: Running to share her newfound treasure, McKenzie Schweitzer clutches a feather. In late August, Schweitzer joined the international students and her grandparents, Mr. Larry Hoff and Mrs. Barb Hoff, on a trip to Timberlake Ranch Camp for a day of horseback riding.



Above: Eunice Songthangtham, Anna Kirby, and Derek Rose chug a pitcher of sugary Kool-Aid as quickly as possible. The group worked as a team during all of the zany games and down-right messy races at the Back to School Social.

Right: Untangling their twisted balloons, Rachel Lee, Alice Kim, and Jessica Kim head to the gym building. The girls decided to paint pictures on their balloons to advertise their face painting booth at the All-School Carnival.





Below: Halle Strong, Bennett Zaruba, and Stephanie Strobel giggle over a game of pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe. The trio attended the Scarecrow Patch with the elementary students in October.



Below: Sorting encouragement notes, Johnny Chang, Emily Simmons, Elliot Murphy, and Luke Woods place letters in the proper bags. Encouragement Week provided the NC family with the opportunity to cheer each other on through notes delivered by Student Council members. Students and staff created a successful week with over 1,000 notes written and distributed.



Right: Mr. Tom Dockweiler supervises as Mr. Terry Elge digs out the the concrete base of the old merry-go-round on the elementary playground. This was one of the many strenuous projects completed during the Sewer Renovation, which commenced during the summer. Due to generous donations and volunteer labor, this immense undertaking was completed in Fall 2009.



## receiving Passports

Shuffling feet, unfamiliar faces, exotic attire, and foreign words infiltrated the airport's customs hall. A lone man stood in the midst of the chaos, obviously a stranger to this land. He proceeded with a presence of certainty, though, while fingering a seemingly insignificant but vital document—his passport. The passport provided access to another culture, another people group. Similarly, when students and staff joined the Nebraska Christian family, they received a passport—permission to glimpse into the lives of others across the country and globe.

Some students traveled thousands of miles to attend NC; others merely walked across the street. No matter the distance traveled, each person on Nebraska Christian's campus held a unique story, a masterpiece in the hands of the Creator. Though varied in looks, personalities, and traditions, students soon found connections through classes, sports, and shared interests. However, the greatest bond was forged between those who put their trust in the Savior. Through Jesus Christ alone, believers found true unity in the midst of diversity. As Paul and Timothy counseled in Philippians 2:1-3 (NIV), "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ ... then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." Despite varied ethnicities and backgrounds, students were encouraged to slay their pride and place Jesus Christ first in their lives, the welfare of others second, and personal desires last.

Nebraska Christian's travelers obtained passports. All held their passports, stamped with experiences and lessons taught by godly teachers, as something they would carry with them throughout the rest of their journeys.

-Janelle Bailey

opening





Above: Esther Jeong concentrates while delicately painting Saylar Osentowski's face at the All-School carnival. Whether munching on cotton candy, playing in inflatable bouncers, or trying out the games designed by junior and senior high classes, families enjoyed a late summer evening of festivities.

"I really enjoyed working on yearbook. As for the articles ... no comment!"

-Seth Bailey



"The first day of school is always a great time to reconnect, and I loved that Mrs. Hoff gave us an opportunity to do that by decorating her room."

-Abbie Krug





Left: Mrs. Janet Landrigan, Mr. Carl Ostrand, and Mrs. Kimmara Woods serve juice and donuts to students on the first day of school. Students munched on their morning treat and swapped summer stories before heading to their first class of the year.

## every Person

*Beep, Beep, Beeeeep, Beeeeep.*

Fumbling through a mountain of cotton sheets and bed comforters, students sleepily reached to silence their obnoxious alarm clocks. Morning was upon them, and school awaited. Some followed their wake-up call with a refreshing shower, a quiet time with God, a trip to the local Coffee Bean, or a long drive to school. Senior **Rebekah Poeffel**, who did not mind her seventy-five minute drive to school, said, "My favorite part of driving to NC every morning is watching the sun rise because it prepares me for the day by setting my focus on God."

Regardless of how they put a spring into their steps, students and staff members arrived on the NC campus four days a week. Once at school, the day rolled smoothly as students strolled through the first five classes. Then, as stomach growling peaked, anxious students finally heard those two blessed words: lunch time. Freshman **Anthony Faeh** stated, "Lunch is my favorite part of the day because I'm always hungry." Senior **Alex Newby** agreed with Faeh's statement, declaring, "I second that!"

After hungry stomachs were satisfied and talkative friends had socialized, the afternoon classes sailed by, especially due to the many electives offered. When asked her favorite afternoon class, eighth grader **Rachel McHargue** answered, "Mr. Uhler's math class because he's funny ... and he has singing ties."

Another day of school was completed. As NC members climbed into bed and set their alarms for the next morning, the grateful stopped to ponder their day and thank their Maker for another breath of life.

-Janelle Bailey



Left: Malachi Zaruba, Truitt Merchant, and Colby DeGross recite a Bible verse to the crowd during the Harvest Festival. The preschoolers practiced their words and actions for several days in order to impress the audience.



Right: Shannon Rodehorst glides across the Covenant Cedars' lake at the Senior Retreat. Rodehorst served as senior class president, offering his leadership and humor.



# the beginning

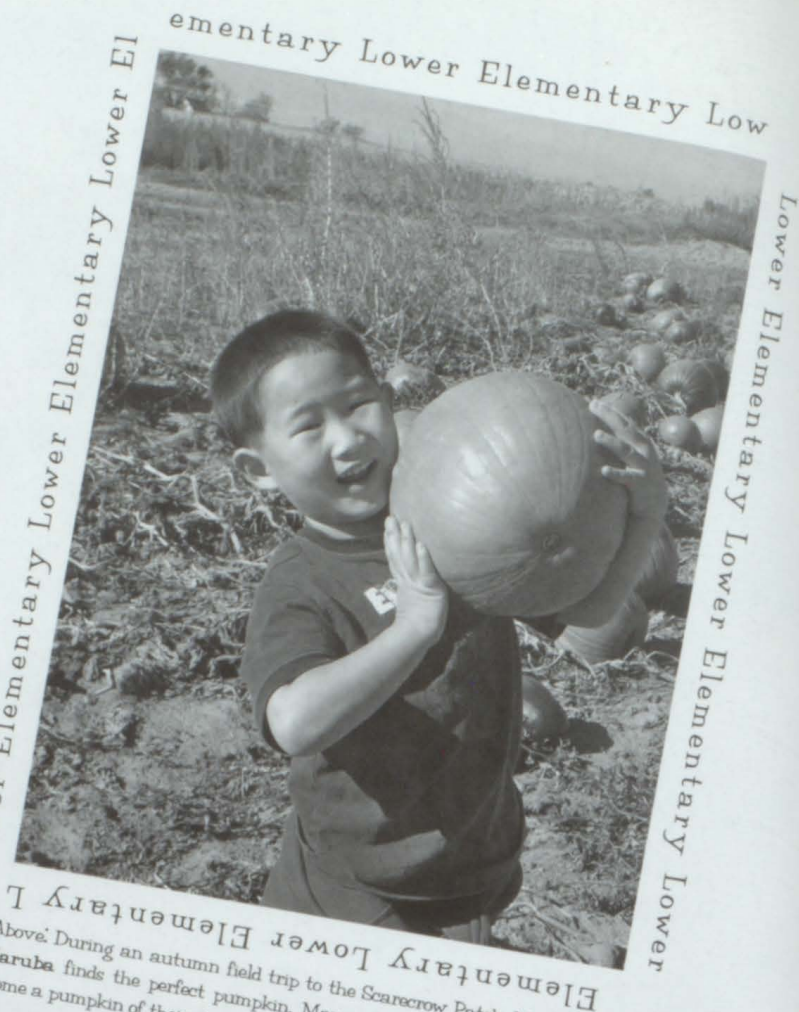
Building block, a basic element or component. In order to mature, a solid foundation must be laid.

Three of these essential blocks are friendship, respect, and obedience, all of which the Nebraska Christian teachers hoped to instill in the lower elementary children. Elementary students developed close friendships through daily interactions in smaller classrooms. "I like coming to this school. The kids are cool," said Michael Amsden. Throughout the school year, the students learned to comply with the rules set in place. Obedience in following directions taught students to respect the teachers.

Though friendship, obedience, and respect were important, the chief aim of the elementary was to love the Lord. The lower elementary strived to learn more about loving the Lord and loving others. One way they did this was through memorizing verses, which they recited during weekly chapels. "Saying the verses are kinda hard, but it's fun to see that I know them," said Amanda Whisenand.

From the playground to the classroom, the lower elementary developed the building blocks for a godly life.

-Sierra Sheeks



Above: During an autumn field trip to the Scarecrow Patch, Malachi Zaruba finds the perfect pumpkin. Many elementary children took home a pumpkin of their choice.



Right: Sarah Bailey lends a hand in taking down fall decorations in the cafeteria. The elementary students made the decorations in art class.



Right: Playing a game at the All-School Carnival, Sammie Osentowski prepares to kick the soccer ball. The elementary students who attended the carnival enjoyed the myriad of outdoor activities.



Above: Joshua Strong, Elijah Green, Nathan Swanson, Amanda Whisenand, and Seth Hower sing heartily during the Harvest festival. Students prepared for two weeks to present their songs to their parents and friends.

Colby DeGroff, P  
Micah Green, P  
Truitt Merchant, P





Marlie Mundt, P  
Drew Perdew, P  
Micah Perdew, P  
Claire Pipher, P  
Ella Schank, P



Christian Strobel, P  
Jacob Stromberg, P  
Malachi Zaruba, P  
Lane Zimmer, P  
Levi Zimmer, P



Michael Amsden, K  
Sarah Bailey, K  
Emma DeGroff, K  
Zachary Egeland, K  
Katherine Lovejoy, K



Shelby McHargue, K  
Sidney McHargue, K  
Elijah Green, 1  
Connor Lovejoy, 1  
Carl Mundt, 1



McKenzie Schweitzer, 1  
Joshua Strong, 1  
Nathan Swanson, 1  
Tobias Zaruba, 1  
Kalob Green, 2



Seth Hower, 2  
Jamie Myers, 2  
Sammie Osentowski, 2  
Stephanie Strobel, 2  
Amanda Whisenand, 2





# shining stars

Psalms 91:1 says, "The Heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." The 2009-2010 elementary theme reflected God's greatness through outer space exploration.

As the oldest students in the elementary, the third through sixth graders not only explored space but also their new role as leaders. Marilla Flynn explained, "I get to help the younger kids, teach them how to do stuff, and show them what's right."

Outside of regular class work, students enjoyed a change of pace through P.E., Spanish, art, and music. Many especially loved the opportunity to be active in physical education, including Spencer Williams, who said, "P.E. is my favorite part of the day because we get to play sports." Carsyn Ostrand added, "My favorite part of this year is having P.E. with my mom [Mrs. Tonya Ostrand]."

These students soon learned that the greatest leaders are actually servants—servants of Christ. In the end, the students learned to shine like stars, proclaiming the glory of God.

—Janelle Bailey



Above: Gasping for a breath of icy air, Savannah Zimmer zips down the snowy slide. Students eagerly embraced each moment of recess, even during the chilly outings of the winter months.



Above: Sharina Boutin rolls up her sleeves and perfects her sidewalk masterpiece. While the high school students decorated the gym building for Homecoming, the elementary children soaked up the sun as they sketched chalk creations to encourage the sports teams.



Above: Intently watching Mr. Mike Flynn, Halle Strong and Jada McHargue sing during the Festival of Lessons & Carols. The girls joined with other elementary students from NC, area schools, and home schools to form the Festival Children's Choir.



Above: Whitney Heuermann and Alexis Hower slip into character to perform a skit for Grandparents' Day. The girls developed their acting skills through participating in the annual 'Patch the Pirate' musical.



Above: Playing for the Harvest Festival, Jaydon Elge and Dillon Rose focus on hitting the correct notes. The 2009-2010 school year marked Elge's first year on the trumpet, while Rose experienced his second year on the fugal horn.



Above: Claire Ostrand waves down her friends to show them the perfect pumpkin. Due to the annual trip's cancellation in 2008, many students and parents traveled to the Scarecrow Patch for the first time in the fall.



Ariel Coleman, 3



Jonathan Dockweiler, 3  
Jada McHargue, 3  
Carsyn Ostrand, 3  
Halle Strong, 3  
Bennett Zaruba, 3



Savannah Zimmer, 3  
Nicholas Lovejoy, 4  
Daniel Myers, 4  
Claire Ostrand, 4  
Spencer Williams, 4



Jaydon Elge, 5  
Marilla Flynn, 5  
Sarah Simmons, 5  
Reagan Williams, 5  
Sharina Boutin, 6



Zachary Dockweiler, 6  
Whitney Heuermann, 6  
Alexis Hower, 6  
Rubi McHargue, 6  
Matthew Myers, 6



Shane Myers, 6  
Cassidy Ostrand, 6  
Dillon Rose, 6  
Christina Starkey, 6  
Jayden Swanson, 6





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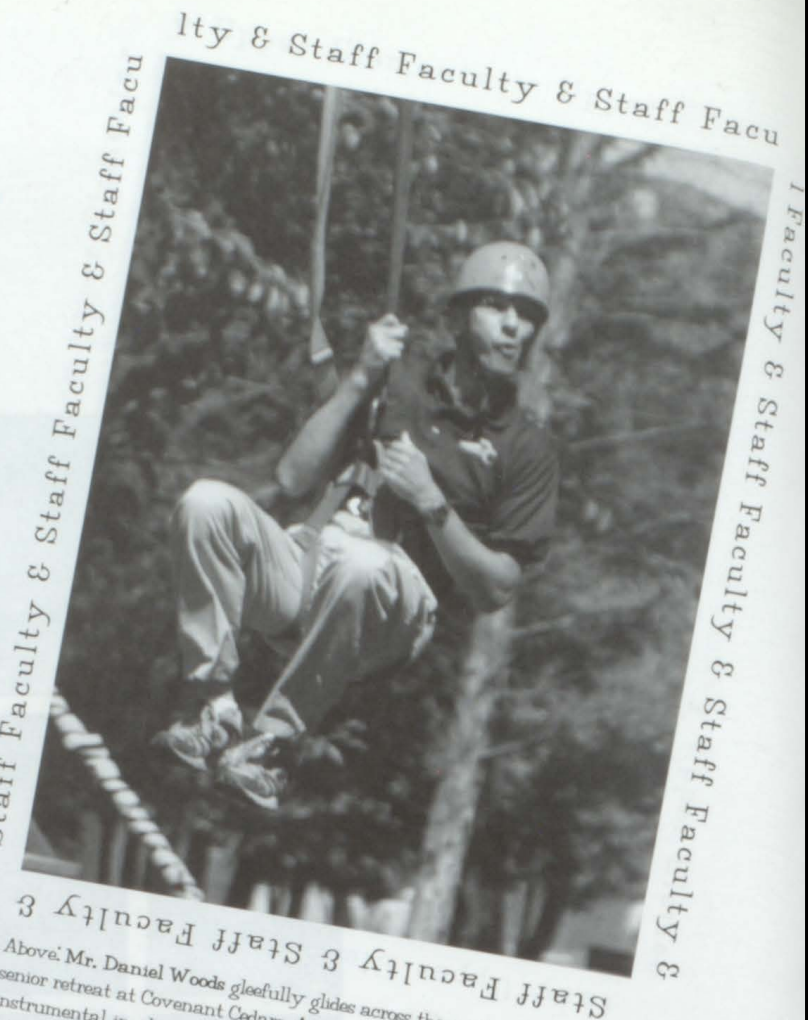
*Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

-Psalm 96:1-2

The faculty and staff at Nebraska Christian are continually singing a song—one that proclaims Christ as the center of their lives. Mr. Clay Mankin, who previously taught at a public school, said, "I like teaching at NC because the emphasis on what is important really is different from that in a public school." At NC, the faculty stressed the importance of a Christ-centered education. This emphasis is highlighted in Nebraska Christian's mission statement: "To assist the family and church by providing a Christ-centered education, equipping students with a Biblical worldview and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ."

Faculty and staff members enjoy the freedom of working at a Christian school. Mrs. Dee Flynn said, "I can't even imagine teaching in a public school. I don't know how I could conform to the state's teaching standards for teaching evolution. I love teaching in a Christian environment." As leaders of the NC family, teachers use their knowledge of their subject and also of God to harmonize in a beautiful song.

-Heidi Hofmann



Above, Mr. Daniel Woods gleefully glides across the zip line during the senior retreat at Covenant Cedars. As a senior class sponsor, Woods was instrumental in planning the fall senior retreat as well as the senior trip in the spring.

Michele Boutin, Cook  
Kathy Chase, Develop. Office  
Becky Deichmann,  
Develop. Office  
Tom Dockweiler, Business  
Manager/Computer  
Ruth Ferris, Librarian



Dee Flynn, Science Boys' Dorm  
Kaity Flynn, Int'l Tutor  
Mike Flynn, Music Boys' Dorm  
Gil Glad, Public Relations  
Jody Heuermann, Develop. Office





Barb Hoff, English/Girls' Dorm  
 Larry Hoff, Int'l Program  
 Director/ESL/ Girls' Dorm  
 Daurice Hower, Int'l Activities/  
 Elementary Art, PE & Spanish  
 Gib Killion, Int'l Program/ESL  
 Janet Landrigan,  
 English/ESL/Coach



Clay Mankin, Social Studies/  
 Bible/Coach  
 Karen Miotke, Business Office  
 Carl Ostrand, Program  
 Coordinator/Government/Bible/Coach  
 Tonya Ostrand, Spanish/PE/Coach  
 Marlow Pedersen, Industrial Arts



Gwen Prettyman, Drama  
 John Prettyman, Bible  
 Becky Ritta,  
 ESL/Yearbook/Speech/Secretary  
 Marilynn Ritta, Cook  
 Robert Ritta, Maintenance



Susan Ritta, Secretary  
 Shelly Rodehorst, Cook  
 Denise Schreiber, 3rd/4th  
 Larry Schreiber, Activities  
 Director/PE/Guidance Counselor  
 Amy Shotkoski, Jr. High Art



Charissa Smith, 5th/6th  
 Cheryl Smith, Elem. Aide  
 Janice Stuhmer, 1st/2nd/Elem.  
 Head Teacher/English  
 Gordon Thiessen, Chaplain Coach  
 Bill Uhler, Math Coach



Jacky Uhler, Business/Computer  
 Patty Welk, Elem.  
 Library/Resource  
 Daniel Woods, Superintendent Bible  
 Kimmarie Woods, Art/FCS  
 Verna Zaruba,  
 Preschool/Kindergarten



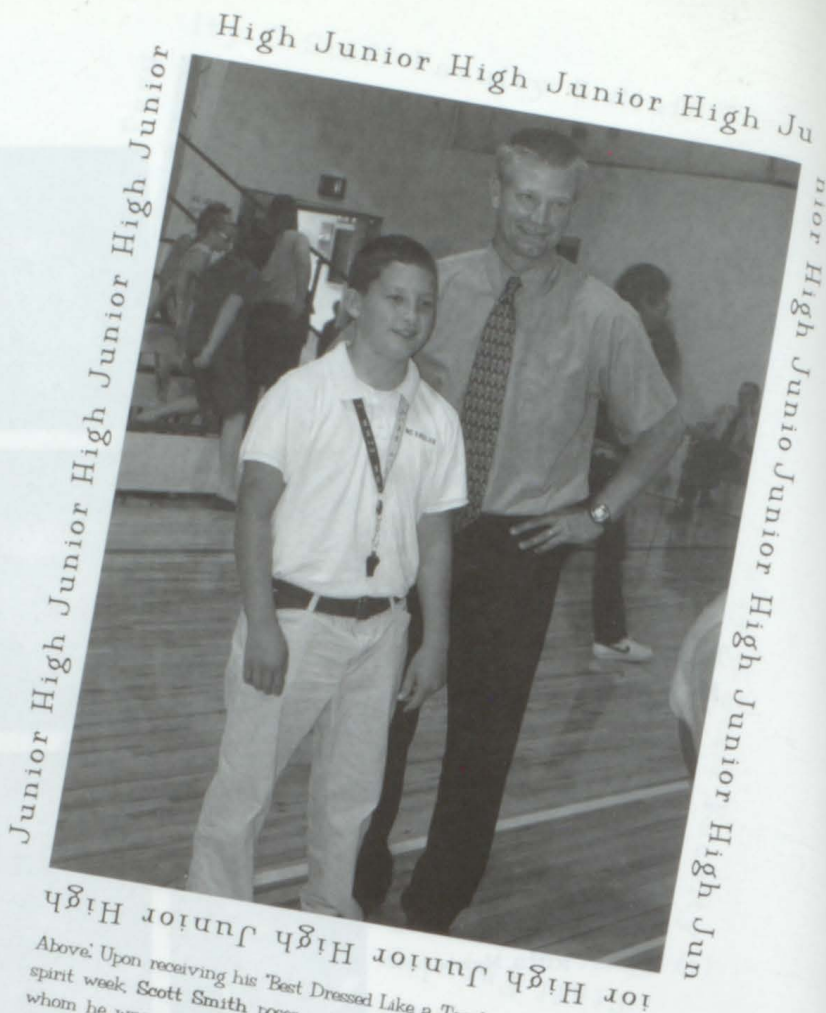


moving up

Transitioning from the carefree atmosphere of the playground to the stricter mood of high school scared even the most mature junior high student. Anxiety and stress were often felt during times of change. Different teachers, additional classmates, important grade point averages, and increased homework overwhelmed students at first. "One of the things that is hard to get used to is having seven teachers instead of one," said **Warren Dexter**. Along with these new burdens came the benefits of sports on a team, excelling in academics, and bonding with classmates. The chance to play on an official sports team to represent their school against rival schools was a brand of new experience for many of the students. "I love the ability to show off my best against other teams," said **Scott Smith**.

Stepping up to the higher academic level of education offered another opportunity for students to excel. The difficulty of the academic upgrade set a new standard for classes, which prepared students to balance sports and homework for the years to come. "I have to push myself harder in academics now because if I do not pass, I can't play any sports," said Cailyn Ostrand. With everything the junior high students experienced, friendships grew and maturing developed as the year passed by. They will look back on these junior high years with gratefulness for the lessons learned and the experience gained.

Thayer Dungan



Above: Upon receiving his 'Best Dressed Like a Teacher' award during spirit week, Scott Smith poses with Mr. Carl Ostrand, the teacher whom he was impersonating. Smith spent lots of quality time with Ostrand as a football student manager the last two years.



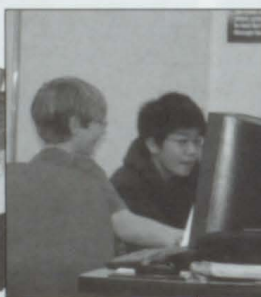
Above: Pulling with all of their strength, Sophia Songthantham, Rachel McHargue, and Beran Fisher yank their way to a tug-of-war victory over the seventh grade during the Homecoming pep rally. The eighth grade team advanced to the semi-finals, only to lose to the freshmen.



Above: Focusing on the conductor, Hannah Ritta sings during the annual Festival of Lessons & Carols. Junior high students joined with the NC choir and area students and adults to form the 160-voice adult choir.



Above, Waiting at their lockers, Ethan Unruh, Cameron Ruybalid, and Jayden Epp study for their next class. Although they only had three minutes between classes, students still found time to finish homework and converse between bells.



Above: Shylar Boutin helps Sean Shin complete his computer homework. Shin arrived after the year began and needed help with some of the concepts he missed.



Above. Doing his part to help decorate, Matthew Swanson draws posters to put up in the locker room. Classes dismissed early for Homecoming, allowing time for students to attend the pep rally and decorate for the games.



Jayden Epp, 7  
Maddie Kirby, 7



Michaila Lovejoy, 7  
Hannah Mead, 7  
Brittany Ritta, 7  
Hannah Ritta, 7  
Cameron Ruybalid, 7



Andrew Sack, 7  
Emily Simmons, 7  
Matthew Swanson, 7  
Ethan Unruh, 7  
Dusty Whisenand, 7



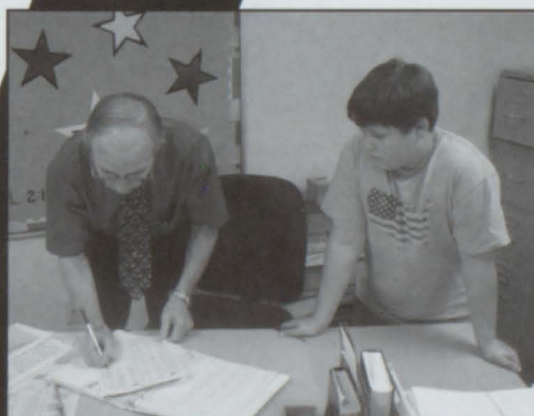
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Rachel McHargue, 8



Hannah Myers, 8  
Leandra Nolan, 8  
Cailyn Ostrand, 8  
Scott Smith, 8  
Sophia Songthangtham, 8



Right: Mr. Bill Uhler signs Dusty Whisenand's planner. The traditional hallway passes where replaced two years ago by planner sign-out pages.





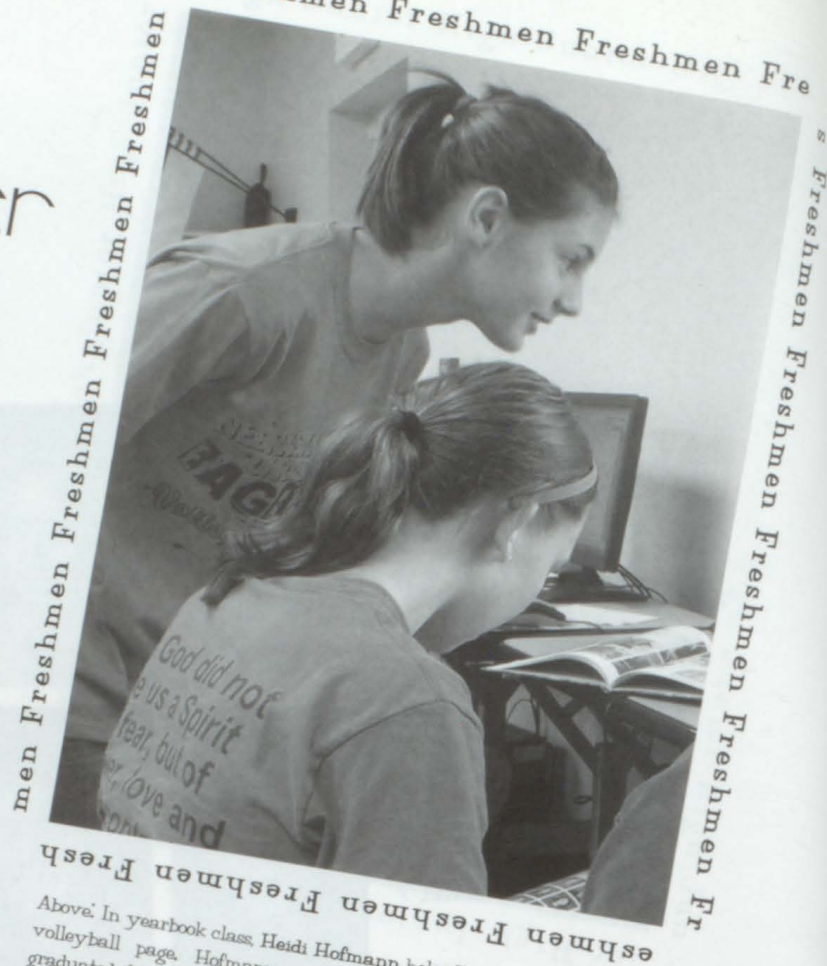
# coming together

Leaving junior high behind, the freshmen eagerly stepped into high school. Returning NC students welcomed eleven new faces to make the ninth grade class complete. For some, the freshman year not only offered new friendships, classes, and sports but also brought the adjustment of attending a new school. **Ashley Mazankowski** said, 'It was a challenge to be in a big class because I went from four kids [in my class] in my other school to twenty-three.'

Throughout the year, the freshmen worked together on the challenge of having over twice as many girls as boys. Although the girls outnumbered the guys, both groups supported and encouraged each other in many activities and sports. One way they encouraged each other was through positive speaking, specifically in geography. They played jeopardy for a study game, and they all congratulated each other at the end of the game. 'I think it's very encouraging how we stick together as a team even if we get the wrong answers,' said **DyAnn DiCostanzo**.

The whole freshman class helped each other through the losses and victories throughout their year as underclassmen. They forged a bond that would carry them through the long journey to come.

-**Katie Nuss**



Above: In yearbook class, Heidi Hofmann helps Katie Griess with her volleyball page. Hofmann and Griess, along with Katie Nuss, graduated from Sutton Christian School last spring, and the three transferred to Nebraska Christian School together.



Above: As elementary students toss marshmallows at him for a game at the carnival, **Anthony Faeh** tries to catch as many as he can in his mouth. Prior to the All-School carnival, Faeh played in the football sports drink scrimmage.

Above: Following the Homecoming pep rally, **Kimberly Deichmann** writes the names of the cross country team members on the cut outs of feet. Deichmann appreciated the opportunity to encourage the runners.

Above: **Jahn Landrigan** enthusiastically sings during the Festival of Lessons & Carols. Landrigan's sister **Janae**, brother **Levi**, and mother **Janet** also sang in the adult choir.

Above: Friends **Anna Kirby** and **Katherine Welk** walk the long hike back from band class to the high school building. Both girls have attended Nebraska Christian since kindergarten.

Above: During study hall, **Kevin Lee** asks the teacher about his algebra assignment. Lee was one of three international students in the freshman class.



Chloe Bauer  
Carrie Beck  
Kimberly Deichmann



Dacia Dickey  
DyAnn DiCostanzo  
Anthony Faeh  
Katie Griess  
Curtis Heuermann



Heidi Hofmann  
Anna Kirby  
Jahn Landrigan  
Kevin Lee  
Ashley Mazankowski



Rebekah Mead  
Rachel Miller  
Braden Moody  
Katie Nuss  
Shawna Ritta



Derek Rose  
Tori Swanson  
Jason Wang  
Julia Welk  
Katherine Welk



Right: Ashley Mazankowski prepares to throw a flat volleyball at the opposing team in an intense game of dodge ball. During the first semester, all freshmen took a PE and health class to fulfill their physical education requirement for graduation.





# foreign family

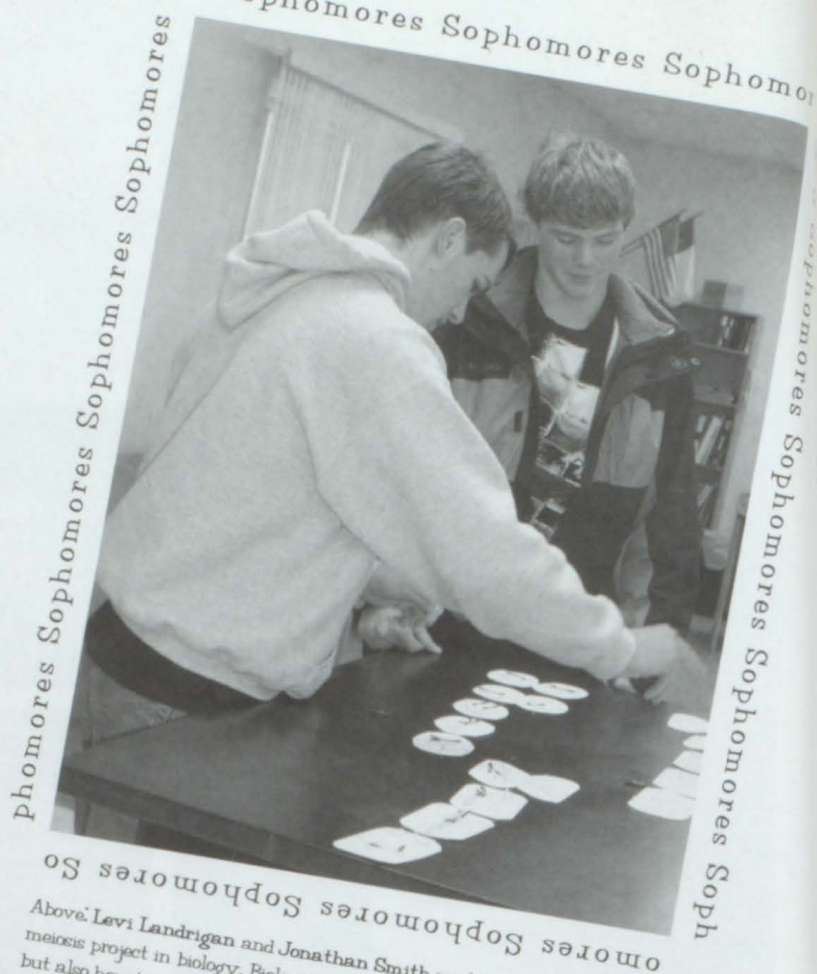
A glance at the 2009-2010 sophomore class was really a glance around the globe, as nearly half of the class was comprised of international students. Hailing from China, Vietnam, South Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, and the United States, students not only represented their nations, but they also learned to be godly representatives of Jesus Christ. **Andrew Swanson** said, "I can see people living out what they believe, not just saying it."

The sophomores built friendships with new classmates and strengthened the bonds that have developed over the years. **Janet Song**, a student from China, enjoyed the welcoming nature of the class. "Our class is friendly and very nice and relaxed in its ambiance," she said. **Levi Landrigan** agreed, saying, "If the class ever has any problems, they get solved quickly and there are no cliques or drama. We are family!"

This friendly, family atmosphere was enhanced by the Washington, D.C. trip. Traditionally, freshmen and sophomores travel to the nation's capital every other year; however, due to class sizes, only the sophomores and several international students went on the 2010 trip. **Jasmine Guo** appreciated the closeness afforded by the trip. She explained, "I got to talk more with the American kids and know them better [because of the trip]. When I see them now, I don't feel nervous and can talk to them!"

Ultimately, the sophomore year was a time when existing bonds solidified and new friendships formed.

-Joanna Stuhmer



Above: Levi Landrigan and Jonathan Smith work diligently on their meiosis project in biology. Biology not only taught students life science, but also how to interact and work with others using educational tools.



Above: Grinning Rachel Lee reads the comics page of the newspaper in ESL reading. The class, which many of the sophomore international students took, focused on raising reading comprehension levels and served as a supplement to the mainstream English classes.



Above: Timothy Whisenand chats with his biology buddy as he waits for the bell to ring. Last summer, Whisenand's family moved to Nebraska from Georgia, and he and his two younger siblings began attending NC.



Above: Joanna Stuhmer brainstorms her class's next step in creating a football poster for homecoming. With eight sophomore boys on the football team, the tenth grade was the perfect class to support the football guys.



Above: Focusing intently on her art project Shelisa Boutin finishes the final details on her box. Art teacher Mrs. Kimmarie Woods incorporated many creative projects into the first semester art class.



Above: Studying silently in study hall Seth Bailey prepares for a test. Bailey's unusual dress was attributed to homecoming week's Class Bash Day in which the sophomores all dressed in pink.



Seth Bailey  
Shelisa Boutin  
Jessica Davis  
Isaac Elge



Jasmine Guo  
Jay Han  
Jessica Kim  
Levi Landrigan  
Rachel Lee



Wai Ng  
Vu Nguyen  
Jane Seok  
Sierra Sheeks  
Jacob Simmons



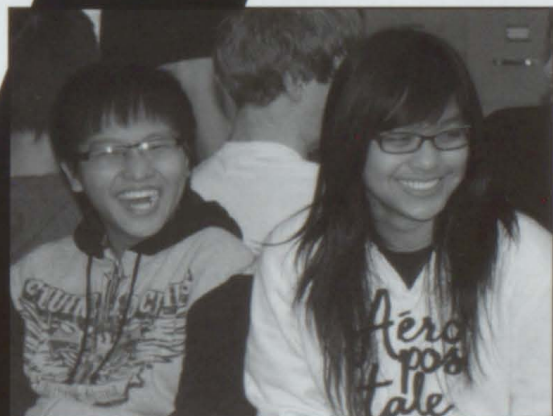
Cody Smith  
Jonathan Smith  
Janet Song  
Eunice Songthangtham  
Joanna Stuhmer



Joey Sun  
Andrew Swanson  
Michael Wang  
Tymothy Whisenand  
Luke Woods



Right. After securing chairs for themselves, Vu Nguyen and Eunice Songthangtham laugh as other students fight for the remaining seats during a lively round of musical chairs. The student council officers organized a Christmas party for the students to enjoy time together before leaving for Christmas break.





# stepping up

As the juniors began the year, they knew they had many trying challenges ahead. Learning to perfect the concession stand popcorn, planning Junior-Senior, and setting a godly example for the underclassmen were just a few of their new responsibilities.

The year began with football and volleyball, where juniors took turns learning the tricks of the trade in concessions. While working together for hours at a time to serve spectators, the classmates grew closer. In reflecting on her classmates' strengths, Alycea Unruh said, "Who needs a calculator when you have Caleb Schulze?"

As the year rolled on, the juniors started planning Junior-Senior with many different ideas and perspectives. "Junior-Senior was awesome because we really worked together as a class and had a lot of fun planning it. It looked really good when it all came together," said Michelle Toukan. As class members changed in different ways, they all worked together to grow stronger as godly examples. New student Dillon Dexter said, "I appreciate seeing young believers living a life devoted to Christ, led by a caring and devoted staff." The juniors not only accomplished many tasks throughout the year, but they also grew closer as a class.

-Stephany Krieger



Above: Delighted to be out of school on a snow day, Dillon Dexter utilizes his creative gifts while frosting sugar cookies in the cafeteria. Dexter was warmly welcomed into the boys' dorm where he made many new friends.



Above: While studying hard for the upcoming vocabulary quiz, Stephany Krieger and Michelle Toukan use flash cards to review. When their work was done, Krieger and Toukan used yearbook class to study.



Above: Nathan Ritta and Alycea Unruh paint homecoming signs to encourage the athletes during Spirit Week. Both Ritta and Unruh, long-time friends, have attended NC since kindergarten.



Above: Willingly helping with the junior class carnival game, Casey Beck tacks balloons on a board to be popped. Many junior and senior high students pitched in to make the annual All-School Carnival a success.



Above: Watching the blood pump out of his arm, Caleb Schulze gives blood for the first time. Twenty-two students, staff, and parents donated blood at the Red Cross event.



Above: Playing a joyful noise to the Lord, Alice Kim performs for the Harvest Festival. Kim has been a part of the band for four years.



Sarah Armatys  
Casey Beck  
Bailey Davis  
James Davis  
Dillon Dexter



Anna Faeh  
Kendra Gripenstroh  
Alice Kim  
Yeni Kim  
Stephany Krieger



Cody Lawson  
Trevor Lee  
Jordan McHargue  
Trung Ngo  
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Nathan Ritta  
Scott Ritta  
Caleb Schulze  
Jarrod Thiessen  
Michelle Toukan



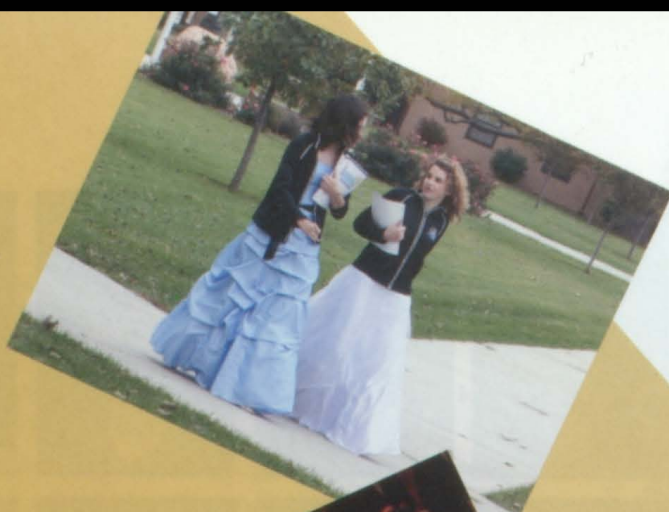
Duy Trinh  
Katrina Troester  
Alycea Unruh  
Ninh Vu  
John Zhang



Right: Junior Class Officers, left to right:  
President James Davis, Vice President Michelle  
Toukan, Secretaries Alycea Unruh and  
Stephany Krieger, and Treasurer Nathan  
Ritta.







Left: Walking between classes, **Amber Rainbolt** and **Kelsey Shepherd** show off their 2009 Junior-Senior dresses. For the last home volleyball games, the senior players decided to get exceptionally dressed up.



Left: With Bibles clenched in their hands, **Abbie Krug**, **Anna Dinh**, and **Rick Dawson** stroll down the procession aisle. Nebraska Christian's seniors traditionally carry Bibles during the graduation ceremony to represent the truth that God will accompany them as they leave the security of high school behind.



Left: **Thayer Dungan** squeezes a little blue ball in order to keep his blood pumping during the blood drive held in the fall. Dungan was one of many upperclassmen, staff, and parents who donated blood.



Left: Staring at the brick wall, **Dominic Cho**, **Janelle Bailey**, **Jennifer Smith**, and **Janae Landrigan** contemplate the words painted on the building at the Oklahoma City National Memorial. The memorial was put into place to educate visitors about the bombing and offer comfort, strength, peace, and hope to those who were affected.



# Following Christ

Thirteen years ago a small, scared group of children gathered for their first day of kindergarten. Now, the class of 2010, still small, with only one original member, continually counts down the seconds till graduation. As the years flew by, the classmates not only grew physically, mentally, and spiritually, but they also grew together in Christ. Through triumphs and tragedies, they kept strong in the Lord, never forgetting His promise to give strength when weak and peace when distressed. Now this senior class has a challenge: to take what they have learned at Nebraska Christian Schools and make a mighty impact on every tribe and every nation they come across. United in Christ, they will part and follow God's calling for their lives. As they go their separate ways, they will never forget the friendships and memories they have shared, keeping them close to their hearts.

-Shannon Rodehorst

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Right: 2010 Senior Class, front to back, left to right; Row 1: Dominic Cho, Kelsey Shepherd, Jennifer Smith, Abbie Krug. Row 2: Kate Zuehlke, Janae Landrigan, Amber Rainbolt, Caleb Urban, Rebekah Poeffel, Anna Dinh, Janelle Bailey, Gail Mao, Linh Vuong. Row 3: Alex Newby, Thayer Dungan, Conrad Huenefeld, Rick Dawson, Shannon Rodehorst, Johnny Chang, Elliot Murphy, Adam Richardson, Fred Lee, James You.



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# SENIORS

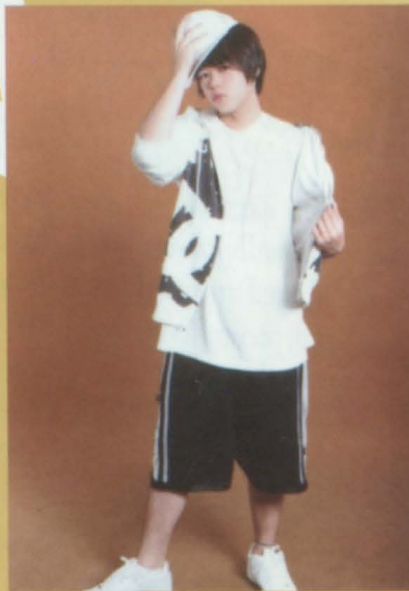




*Janelle Beth Bailey*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a ballerina, gymnast, and Olympic ice-skater, but mainly an artist.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."



*Chia-Siang (Johnny)  
Chang*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a singer or a doctor.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



*Eun Hee (Dominic) Cho*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a professional swimmer.



*Richard Alexander  
Dawson*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a ninja.

Revelation 12:7-8 "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer."



*Anh Thoi (Anna) Dinh*

When I was younger, I wanted to be like my mom.

Proverbs 16:9 "A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps."



*Thayer Warren Perkins  
Dungan*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a firefighter or a doctor.

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."





*Conrad Garrett  
Huenefeld*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a pilot.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."



*Abigail Lee Krug*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a mom with ten kids and an artist.

2 Corinthians 1:4-5 "Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ."



*Janae Carlyn Landrigan*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a ballerina, stay-at-home-mom, and firefighter.

Mathew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."



*Kuei-Ching (Fred) Lee*

When I was younger, I wanted to be Batman or an artist.



*Yirong (Gail) Mao*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a strawberry farmer or a fashion designer.

2 Corinthians 4:18 "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."



*Elliot Samuel Murphy*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a professional mountain biker ... and I still do!

Romans 14:7-8 "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."





*Alexander Scott Newby*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a tow truck driver.

Ephesians 6:19-20 "And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."



*Adam James Richardson*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a veterinarian.

1 Samuel 17:45 "Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.'



*Rebekah Anne Poeffel*

When I was younger, I wanted to be famous singer, a nurse or a teacher.

1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."



*Shannon Robert Rodehorst*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a surgeon, singer, or a television host.

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."



*Amber Joy Rainbolt*

When I was younger, I wanted to be either an architect or a librarian.

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."



*Kelsey Marie Shepherd*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a veterinarian.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."





*Jennifer Robyn Smith*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a jockey until I reached 5 foot.

Colossians 3:23-24 "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."



*Caleb James Urban*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a fighter pilot or a pirate.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."



*Linh Vuong*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a teacher.

Micah 7:8 "Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me."

Class Verse: "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved." -Hebrews 10:39 (NIV)

Class Flower: *The Easter Lily*

Class Colors: *White and Gold*

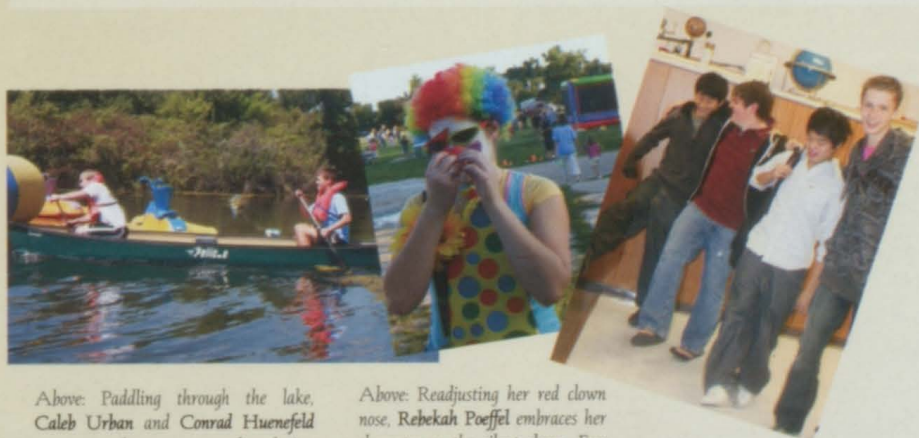
Class Motto: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." -Jim Elliot



*Katherine Elaine Zuehlke*

When I was younger, I wanted to be a teacher.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

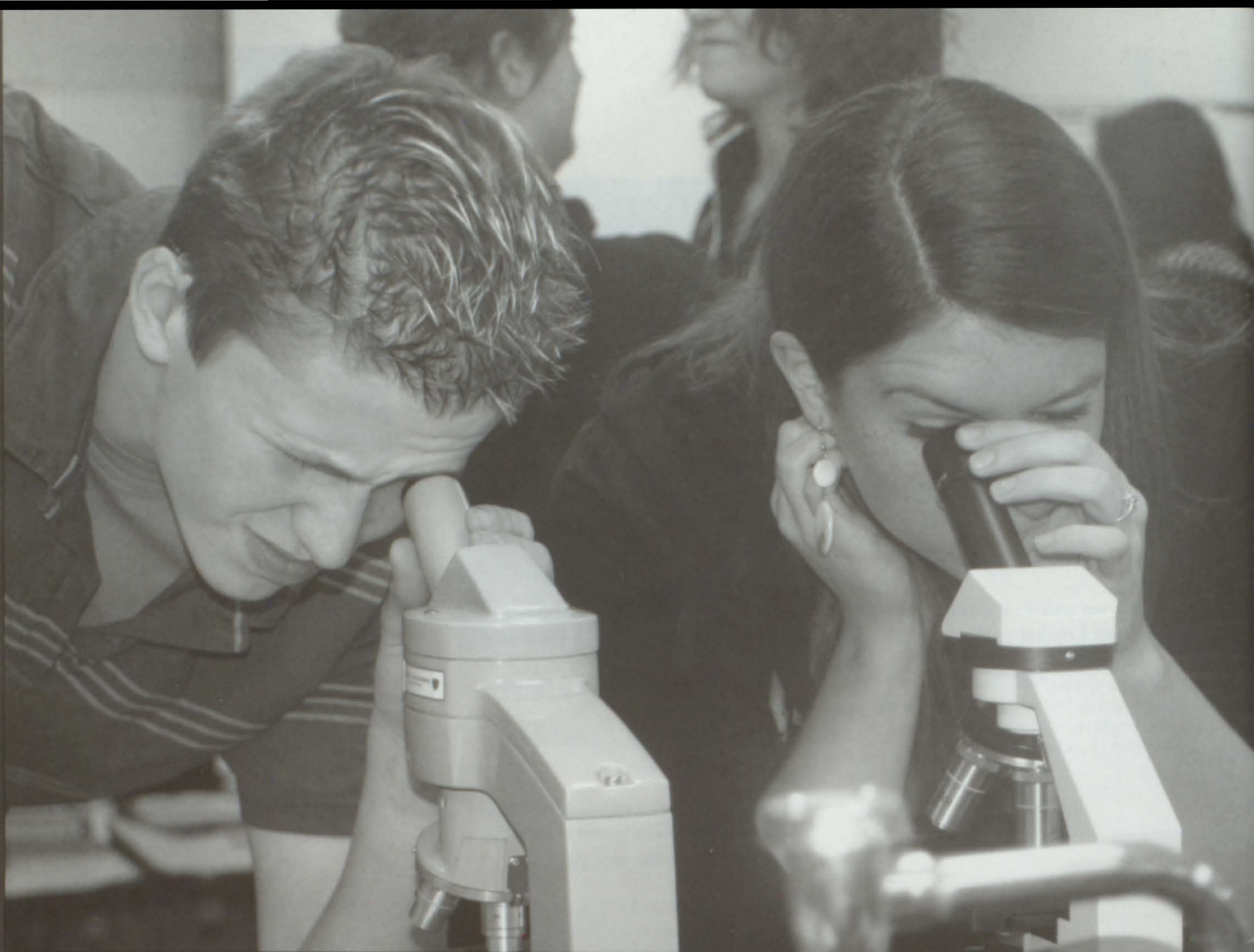


Above: Paddling through the lake, Caleb Urban and Conrad Huenefeld progress to the water trampoline during the Senior Retreat. The Senior Retreat was a great time for the seniors to reconnect after the summer.

Above: Readjusting her red clown nose, Rebekah Poeffel embraces her character as the silent clown. Few people knew that Poeffel played the role as the silent clown during the back-to-school carnival.

Above: Forming a chorus line, Fred Lee, Shannon Rodehorst, Johnny Chang, and Adam Richardson line dance during class one day. Being a close-knit class, they felt comfortable letting loose and expressing their true colors.





Above: Intently focused on the project, Adam Richardson and Janae Landrigan look through microscopes to study the stages of mitosis during anatomy and physiology class. The A&P class performed many different experiments to better understand the human body, such as dissecting a sheep's heart and cow eyeballs and viewing blood through a microscope.

"Playing the piano was good, but I feel sorry for the seniors walking because my tempo was so fast."

-Tyna Go



"Having a Cinco de Mayo party in yearbook was very yummy with our chips and salsa."

-Sienna Sheeks

"Enjoying chips and salsa with other yearbook classmates was a great way to spice up that day of school."

-Shelisa Boutin







Left: The chapel scene took a break from the normal as the students enjoyed a day out at Covenant Cedars for Spiritual Emphasis Day. Not only did the student body enjoy singing worship songs led by Mr. Mark Perry, Nathan Ritta, Alycea Unruh, Dacia Dickey, and Alex Newby, but they also enjoyed a series of lessons and fun activities.

## every Life

Whether living under the roof of parents or under the care of dorm parents, each student's life consisted of a similar story. Every student followed a daily routine, which for many included going to school, practice, and then doing homework day after day. Amongst the stack of textbooks on the bed and the accumulating piles of clothes on the floor, students strived to accomplish all the tasks required of them.

Although the regular stressful routine of school and homework dominated much time, several events and activities within the school year helped liven the school week. The craziness of homecoming activities, the long bus rides on class trips, the time spent planning Junior-Senior, and the long awaited anticipation of that final day of graduation all contributed to the story of every student.

Even during the summer months, students were still seen together, spending their spare time hanging out. Some were even found overseas, preaching the Gospel to those starving for the truth. From sitting on the football field sidelines encircled by friends to sitting on foreign soil surrounded by strangers, each one always found a way to fill the time with laughter and excitement. As the year went on, the students ventured through their adventurous storybook. In the end, all the memories made, all the friendships formed, and all the lessons learned will stick with each student as their individual stories continue.

-Jennifer Smith



Left: Eighth Grade Graduates, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Esther Jeong, Tonye Fisher, Rachel McHargue, Hannah Myers, Cailyn Ostrand, Row 2: Sophia Songthangtham, Sean Shin, Scott Smith, Beran Fisher, Shyler Routin, Leandra Nolan.

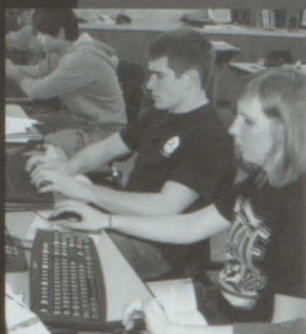
Right: Sporting a prom dress and bowling shoes, Stephany Krieger does her best to knock down the pins for a strike. After the Junior-Senior banquet, the juniors and seniors went bowling in their formal attire for the after party.





# hands-on Learning

Concentrating on their assignments, Nathan Ritta and Abbie Krug diligently study. Ritta and Krug were two of the many students who took a college class over the Internet during a free period.



Playing a joyful melody, Tori Swanson practices the trumpet during Music Appreciation. Students who did not participate in band or choir took the class to earn the music credits necessary for graduation.

Utilizing the skills she learned in speech class, Jasmine Guo practices her Washington, D.C. presentation for English.

Besides writing and presenting speeches in class, students were able to use time during speech class to prepare speeches for competition and for other classes.



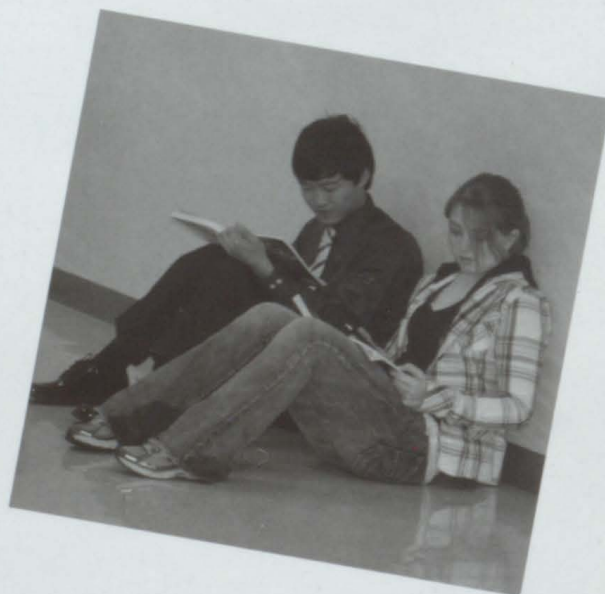
Gingerbread spices wafted through the halls, sparks flew across the shop floor, cut lines exploded from the yearbook room, and running foot steps pounded across campus. Whether in Family & Consumer Science, shop, yearbook, or weight training, elective classes supplied a breath of fresh air and, many times, a much-needed laugh. Aside from the traditional classes, electives offered the opportunities to develop life skills, to refine special talents, or simply to try something new.

Bailey Davis, in need of a fine arts credit, took art her first semester. "Even though I wasn't good at it, I liked art because it was fun to be creative and get out of normal classes," admitted Davis. While some picked electives for the sake of credits, others freely joined out of pure enjoyment. Anthony Faeh, in an attempt to explain why band was so amazing, stated, "Band-it pwns." Aspiring students took full advantage of their electives by learning a new trade in a practical, hands-on way. According to Curtis Heuermann, "Mr. P. and his dry sense of humor, his sly cunning, and his wisdom about building things make shop class the funnest period of the day."

-Janelle Bailey

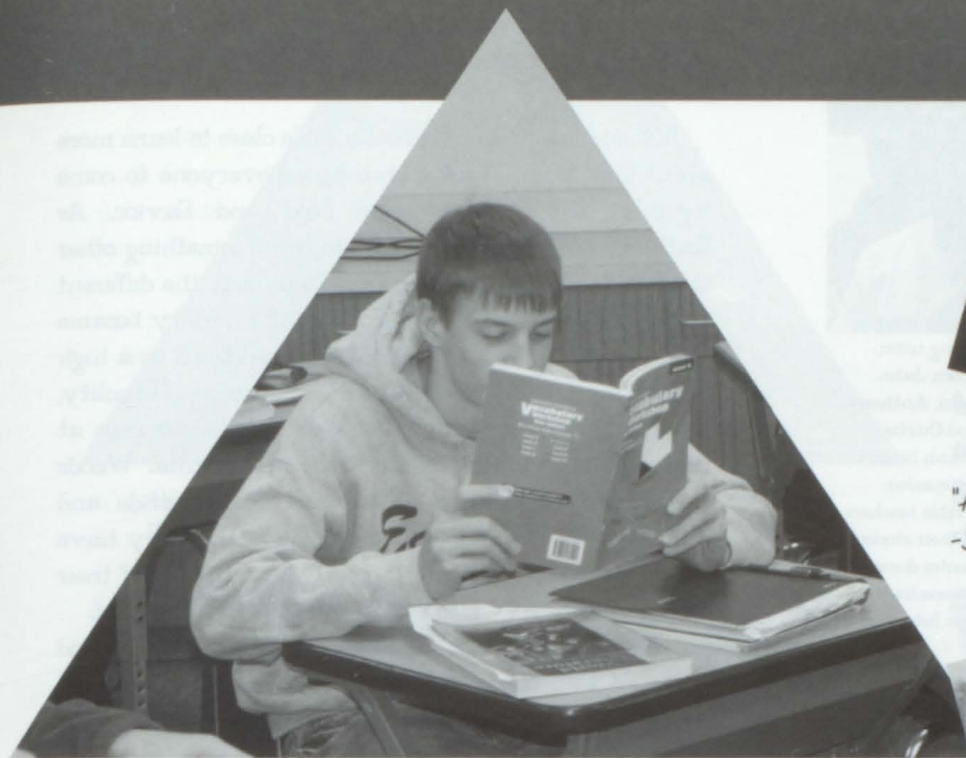


Cutting a piece of trim, Jordan McHargue works on his table for the cafeteria during shop class. In 2009-2010, an extra industrial arts class was added to the schedule, which allowed more students to benefit from the skills Mr. Marlow Pedersen taught.

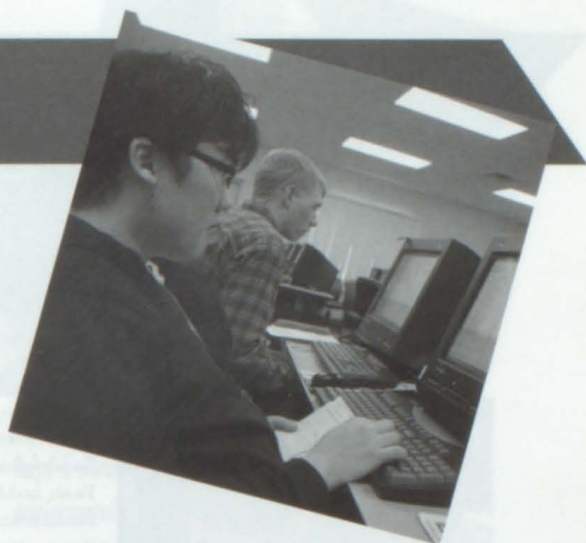


Working on their missed homework, John Zhang and Sarah Armatys study in the hallway. A myriad of activities took students out of class during the spring semester, and students involved in those activities often had to wait outside the classroom while teachers went over assignments and quizzes that had been completed in their absence.





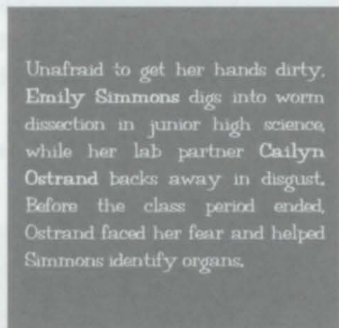
Above, Jacob Simmons works diligently on his vocabulary assignment for the following week. Every student from seventh through twelfth grade had a weekly vocab assignment during the first semester of school.



"Accounting was very hard."  
-Jamea You



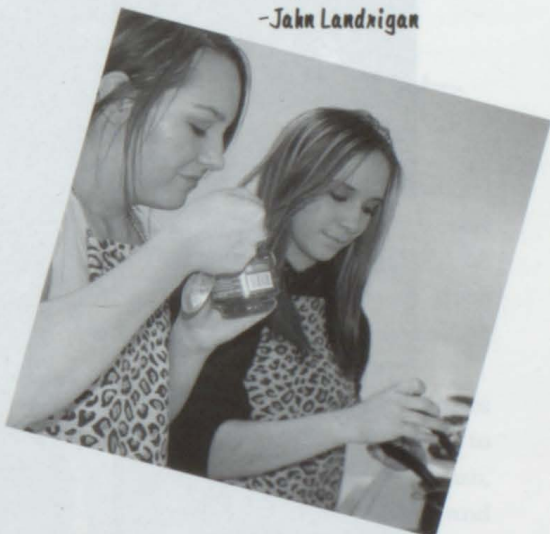
"Plastic baseball bats are very wind resistant."  
-Jahn Landnigan



Unafraid to get her hands dirty, Emily Simmons digs into worm dissection in junior high science, while her lab partner Cailyn Ostrand backs away in disgust. Before the class period ended, Ostrand faced her fear and helped Simmons identify organs.



Concentrating, Michael Wang and Joey Sun draw out the designs for their shadow boxes. The first semester art class was popular among students who did not take choir.

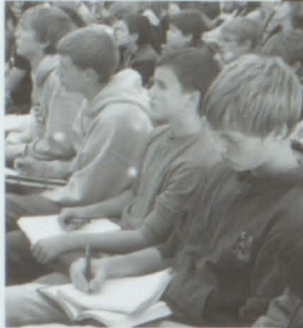
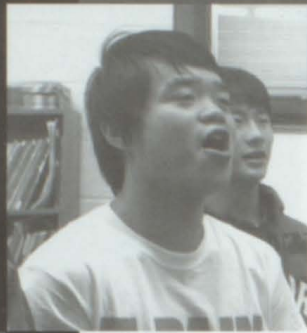


"FCS with only two students was fun but also a great learning experience."  
-Skelina Boutin



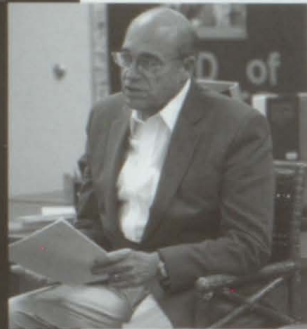
# instilling humility

Right: Singing along with the worship team, Johnny Chang and Fred Lee prepare for the chapel message. The worship team encouraged everyone to glorify God in chapel by praising His name in song.



Left: Taking notes, Derek Rose, Jahn Landrigan, Anthony Faeh, and Curtis Heuermann listen to the guest speaker. Several Bible teachers required their students to take notes during chapel to ensure that they were listening intently.

Right: After talking to the junior and senior high, Dr. David Noebel speaks to the senior class. Dr. Noebel, founder of Summit Ministries, was enthusiastically received in April to discuss the Christian worldview.



Although each student had a Bible class to learn more about God, chapel was a chance for everyone to come together and worship their Lord and Savior. As Katherine Welk said, "It's nice to have something other than Bible class, and it's enjoyable to hear the different speakers." Tackling pride and instilling humility became this year's central theme. Pride can be defined as a high or excessive opinion of one's importance. Humility, however, is the opposite of arrogance. In a message at the beginning of the school year, Mr. Daniel Woods emphasized the many differences between pride and humility. When pride enters people's hearts, they have dethroned God by putting themselves at the top of their list instead of God, which is like thinking they are God.

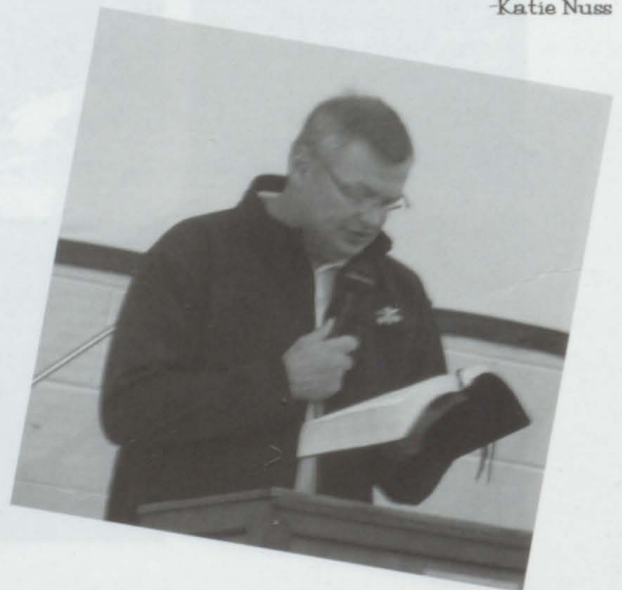
Among the favorite guest speakers was Dr. David Noebel. A well-known Christian worldview expert, Noebel spoke on campus four times throughout the day. "His lessons were convicting about speaking the truth and not being afraid to stand up for what I believe," said Stephany Krieger.

Reflecting on the year's chapels, Shelisa Boutin said, "Chapel is a learning and growing experience." Throughout the many intense chapels, the NC students learned the importance of obeying God humbly, not proudly, in all they do, say, and think.

-Katie Nuss



Above: Joey Sun, Shannon Rodehorst, Janelle Bailey, Sarah Armatys, and Alex Newby strategically attempt to balance their weight. The students battled each other in the outdoor obstacle course at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp during the fall Spiritual Emphasis Day.

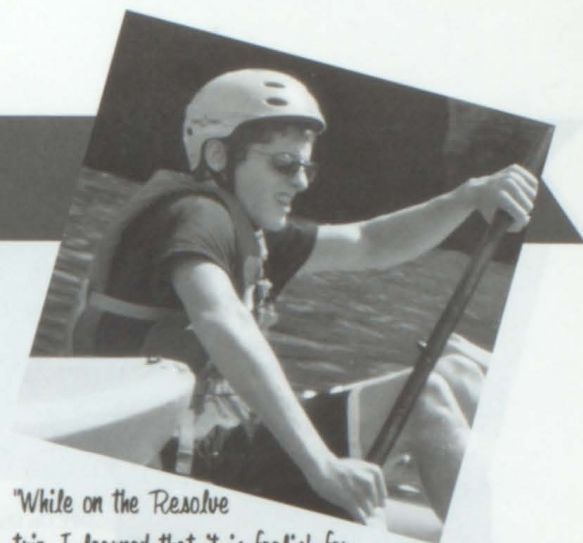


Above: Helping students prepare for the coming message, Chaplain Gordon Thiessen reads from Psalms. Thiessen began each chapel with a Bible reading prior to introducing the day's speaker.



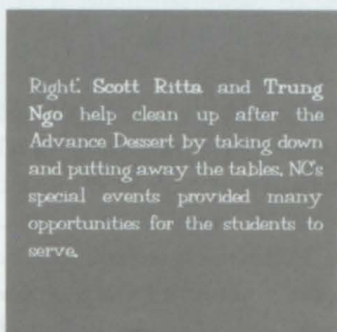


Above: On her trip to Europe, Jessica Davis shares the gospel with many people on the streets, including the kids. Davis went to Europe with her church, and the experience helped to teach the gospel to many unbelievers.



"While on the Resolve trip, I learned that it is foolish for environmentalists to try to fix the earth because God has cursed it."

-Elliot Murphy



Right: Scott Ritta and Trung Ngo help clean up after the Advance Dessert by taking down and putting away the tables. NC's special events provided many opportunities for the students to serve.



Left: Abbie Krug helps one of her Sparkies memorize her verse. AWANA was just one of the many ways to spread the gospel outside of school.



"C.O.R.N. Ministries gives me great opportunities to serve Christ while having a blast."

-Nathan Ritta

## stepping out

Throughout the year, NC students stepped out to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ beyond the four walls of the classroom. Utilizing missions trips and youth groups, students led the way to proclaim Christ. One missions opportunity was AWANA. Many students volunteered as AWANA leaders in the course of the year. The children who came to AWANA were taught to reflect Jesus in all they say, do, and think by watching the examples of their leaders as they demonstrate what it tells them to do in the Bible. AWANA leaders taught the children Bible verses and explained what the verses meant.

However, AWANA was not the only missions opportunity this year; many students shared the Gospel in other states and abroad. James and Jessica Davis traveled to Europe in the summer. During the trip, the travelers preached to those who would listen. Jessica Davis commented, "Being able to preach the Gospel was frightening, an adrenaline rush, exciting, and even made me shiver while I tried to preach to all those lost souls." In South Dakota, Abbie Krug and Nathan Ritta lived with their team on an Indian reservation and helped Pastor Scott Peace share the Gospel with the children on the reservation. At one of the sessions, the team gave bikes and balls to the children. Other NC students also helped with Christians Outreaching to Rural Nebraska (C.O.R.N.) during the spring. As Alex Newby said about C.O.R.N., "It's an amazing opportunity to work alongside Christians who are passionate about advancing God's kingdom and saving the lost." The NC student body chose the best means to serve God and spread the Gospel, even going the ends of the earth.

service & missions

-Katie Nuss



# got Spirit

Right: Putting her artistic abilities to work, Hannah Ritta creates a cross country poster. Each class decorated a different area of the gym building to encourage the sports teams.



Left: On Student-Staff Swap Day, Jessica Kim shows her friend Rachel Lee pictures from homecoming week. Students enjoyed capturing the memories of all the excitement that happened during homecoming week.

Right: Spiking Caleb Urban's hair, Stephany Krieger gives him a new look for Crazy Hair/Class Bash day. Urban liked being atypical, and homecoming week was the perfect outlet for expressing his inner wackiness.



Take a handful of nurses and a Mr. Woods look-alike, sprinkle in a dash of tastefully disheveled bed head, throw on a sea of blue and white, and observe zany days. Homecoming 2009 provided students and staff a change of pace and a chance to bond.

On Tuesday, doctors assisted the pretend injured who limped the halls for Medic Mania Day. Nebraska Christian lit up in a rainbow of colors Wednesday when classes rallied together, wearing their assigned colors and crazy hairstyles. Junior Kendra Griepentstroh stated, "My favorite part was Class Bash/Crazy Hair Day because we've never had something like that before." Thursday's Student-Staff Swap attracted a swarm of miniature teacher clones, while adults had the chance to convert into students again.

Thursday afternoon, students and staff gathered in the gym for the much-anticipated pep rally. Volleyball, cross country, and football participants expressed truths God had taught them through their season. Cross country senior Adam Richardson shared, "Don't quit no matter how hard it gets. You have to rely on God when you can't do it on your own." A volleyball vs. football volleyball game encouraged the volleyball girls before their home meet that night. At the end of the pep rally, students created a tunnel walk for the cross country team as they left for the Central City invite. Then classes split up to decorate the gym and sidewalks.

Friday's annual Blue and White Day was a flurry of school spirit from the 8:00 morning bell through the evening Eagle football game vs. Leigh. Following the game, the 51st class of Nebraska Christian was recognized, and families gathered for marshmallow and hotdog roasting at an all-school bonfire. Homecoming week provided a chance for friends and classmates to divert from the ordinary and work together.

-Janelle Bailey & Michelle Toukan



Above: Creatively signing her name to Anna Faeh's shirt, Jennifer Smith helps make Faeh's shirt more colorful. Many students decorated shirts to wear on the the annual Blue and White Spirit Day.

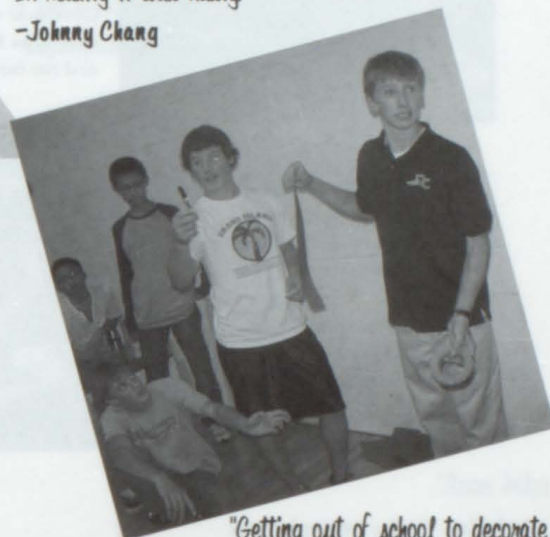




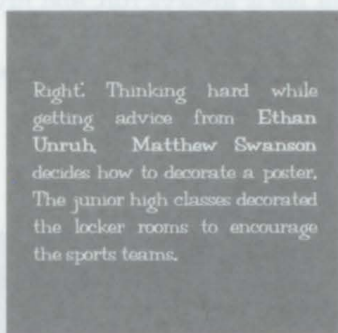
Above: Embracing his creative talents, Jonathan Smith decorates the sidewalk, giving it some 'Eagle Power.' Smith's football career was cut short this season due to a flesh eating disorder that entered his system. Once he left the hospital, his friends and teammates were glad to have him back at school.



"I thought it would be 'yum yum'!  
In reality it was nasty!"  
-Johnny Chang



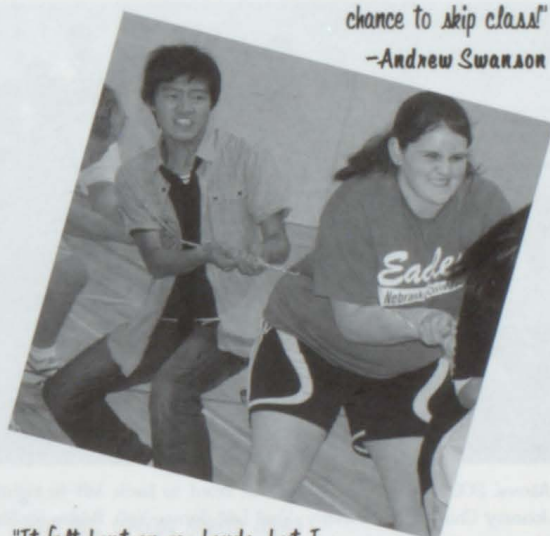
"Getting out of school to decorate  
was awesome. I love every  
chance to skip class!"  
-Andrew Swanson



Right: Thinking hard while  
getting advice from Ethan  
Unruh, Matthew Swanson  
decides how to decorate a poster.  
The junior high classes decorated  
the locker rooms to encourage  
the sports teams.



Left: Alex Newby prepares  
hamburgers for the student  
council sponsored cook out during  
the homecoming football game.  
Though not a student council  
member, Newby volunteered to  
man one of the grills.



"It felt hurt on my hands, but I  
love the team work."  
-John Zhang



Right: Decorating a Christmas tree, Jasmine Guo, Linh Vuong, and Rachel Lee help ready the cafeteria for the Christmas holiday. The girls' dorm students placed decorated trees around the cafeteria.



Left: After dipping her hand in melted paraffin wax, Janet Song smiles at the feeling of warm wax on her skin. Song spent Christmas vacation with Miss Becky Ritta and her family.

Right: Enjoying roasting hot dogs over a fire, Wai Ng and Jason Wang converse at Shannon Rodehorst's birthday party. The students in the boys' and girls' dorms enjoyed getting together for parties throughout the year.



## diverse family

Students from across the globe came together to establish a big family on the Nebraska Christian campus. The dorms were filled with many new faces, including two girls from a country that had not previously been represented: Thailand. The dorm students' creative talents, amazing activities and different cultures formed their unforgettable memories together. "My first experience in the dorm was really good because I can make friends from different countries," said Dominic Cho. Being away from their families, the international and American resident students experienced a fun year in the dorms as they grew together as brothers and sisters, filling the hallways with laughter and joy. Nick Le, who moved into the dorm when he began attending Nebraska Christian after Christmas, said, "Dorm life is always fun, and my dorm parents Mr. and Mrs. Flynn were so nice to me."

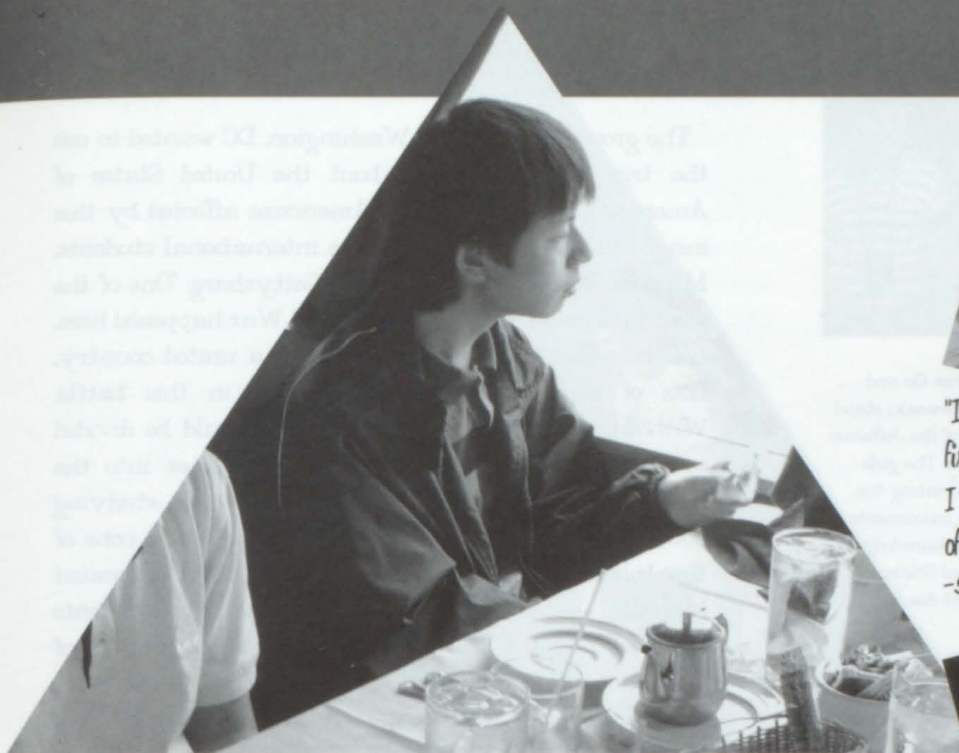
-Gail Mao



Above: Tending to the fire, (clockwise from top left) Mrs. Karrie Simmons, Mr. Larry Hoff, Mrs. Barb Hoff, Jasmine Guo and Emily Simmons enjoy a relaxing evening outdoors. After the Simmons family moved into their new home, they invited the girls' dorm students over for a bonfire.

Above: 2009-2010 dorm students, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Thayer Dungan, Johnny Chang, Alex Newby, Fred Lee, James You, Adam Richardson, Dominic Cho, Janae Landrigan, Shannon Rodehorst, Row 2: Vu Nguyen, Nick Le, Tyra Co, Esther Jeong, Rachel Lee, Yeni Kim, Anna Dinh, Gail Mao, Linh Vuong, Row 3: Sean Shin, Jay Han, Wai Ng, Tressa Johnston, Eunice Songthangtham, Maika Urasaki, Jane Seok, Chloe Bauer, John Zhang, Row 4: Jahn Landrigan, Michael Wang, Kameron Kaelin, Jason Wang, Levi Landrigan, Sophia Songthangtham, Janet Song, Jessica Kim, Row 5: Jim Tao, Kevin Lee, Joey Sun, Jasmine Guo, Alice Kim, Row 5: Duy Trinh, Trung Ngo, Stephany Krieger, Son Nguyen. (Not Pictured: Trevor Lee, Ninh Vu)

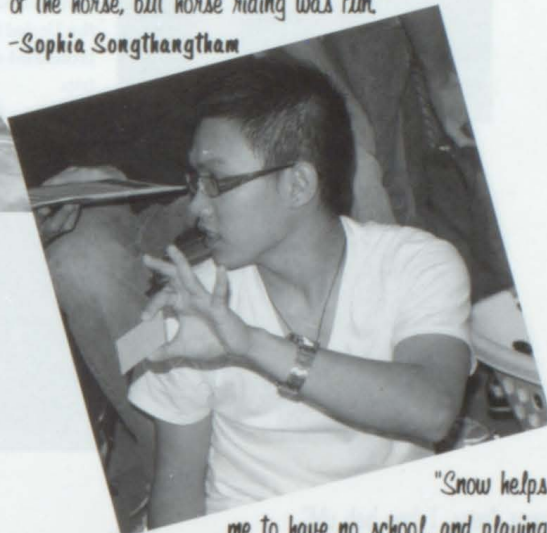




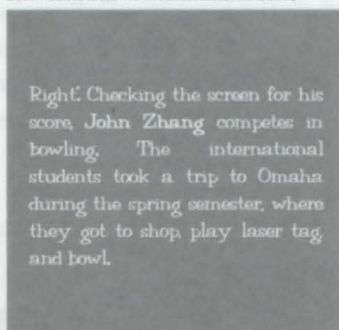
Above: Watching the scenery pass by, Michael Wang awaits his meal on the Fremont Dinner Train. The international students and several sponsors spent an afternoon in April riding the train. Some students felt that experiencing the Fremont Dinner Train was like jumping back in time with swing music, conversation and homemade food.



"It was my first time riding a horse. I was nervous when I got on the back of the horse, but horse riding was fun."  
-Sophia Songthangtham



"Snow helps me to have no school, and playing Monopoly helps me to travel back to my childhood!"  
-Duy Trinh



Right: Checking the screen for his score, John Zhang competes in bowling. The international students took a trip to Omaha during the spring semester, where they got to shop, play laser tag, and bowl.



Left: Scooping out the inside of a pumpkin, Shannon Rodehorst, Stephany Krieger and Alex Newby anticipate baking pumpkin seeds to munch on. Dominic Cho later joined the American students in their pumpkin fun.



"I can feel Snoopy really loves me when we hug! Snoopy was the most lovely part about Worlds of Fun."  
-Gail Mao



# history's impact

Right: While spending time on the street outside of the

White House, Tressa Johnston, Shelisa Boutin, and Sierra Sheeks pose for a picture. While the NC group was there, they saw many people holding 'Obama' signs and cheering for the president.



Left: Tyra Go and Maika Urasaki stand in front of the Jefferson Memorial. The girls enjoyed visiting the different monuments, and their knowledge of the United States broadened due to the trip.

Left: Andrew Swanson and Anna Dinh pet a statue of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's dog. By visiting the Roosevelt memorial, the students were able to expand their knowledge of the burden and sadness that the Great Depression inflicted.



The group that went to Washington, DC wanted to use the trip to learn more about the United States of America. Not only were the Americans affected by this insightful trip but also were the international students. Michael Wang of China said of Cettysburg, "One of the most intense battles during the Civil War happened here. Lots of soldiers died in this battle for a united country. Lots of soldiers sacrificed their lives in this battle. Without this battle, perhaps the U.S. would be divided into two countries." The group looked deeper into the meaning and background of the monuments, studying both the elaborate structures and the pros and cons of the beliefs those structures portrayed. The Holocaust Museum was one experience that none of the students will ever forget. Vivid pictures of the atrocious event of the Holocaust were placed in the minds of the students. Seth Bailey said, "The feeling I had was sadness because of how pitiful the people looked when the soldiers broke into the concentration camps."

After a week in the nation's capital, the students walked away with an understanding of the difference between the moral beliefs the Founding Fathers held and the morals in Washington today. Luke Woods said, "It is amazing to see how much the beliefs of our nation have changed from the beliefs of the Founding Fathers." The group left the nation's capital with a better understanding of the history of the United States.

-Joanna Stuhmer

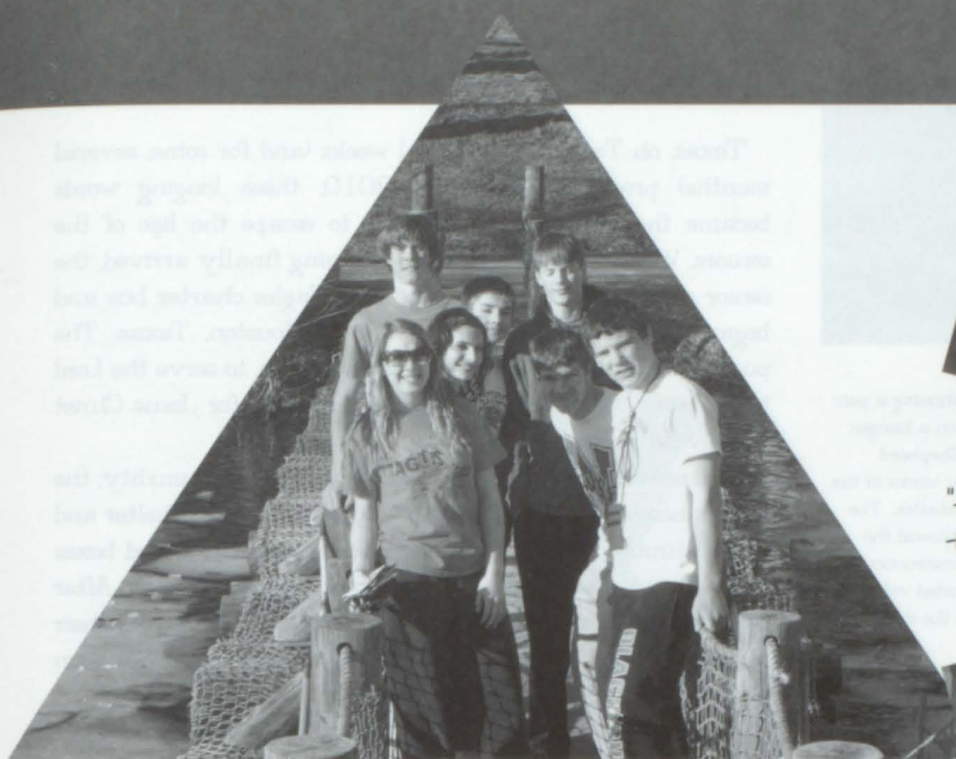


Above: The whole group pauses for a picture at the Air and Space Museum. Many students were fascinated by the many planes and information to learn about.

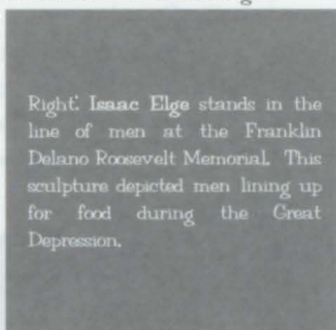


Above: Vu Nguyen plays around with a cannon at Fort McHenry. During the Revolutionary War, Francis Scott Key wrote 'The Star-Spangled Banner' after witnessing an attack on Fort McHenry.





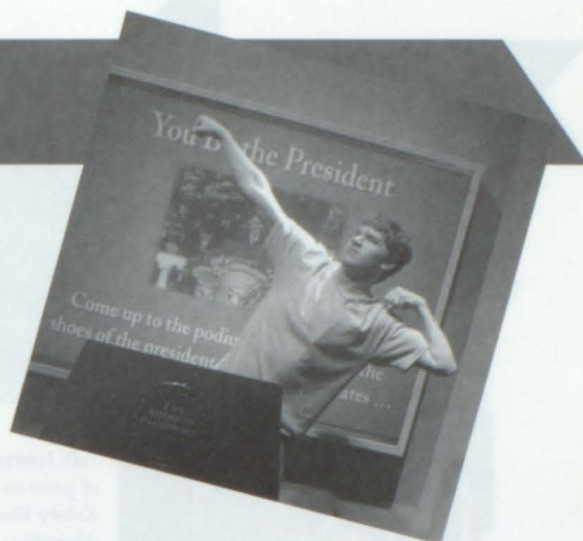
Above: (Front to back, left to right) Joanna Stuhmer, Andrew Swanson, Tressa Johnston, Levi Landrigan, Isaac Elge, Jacob Simmons, and Cody Smith stand on a bridge at the outside portion of the Creation Museum. This museum taught the truth of Creation, and many students learned things they had not known about the world's origin.



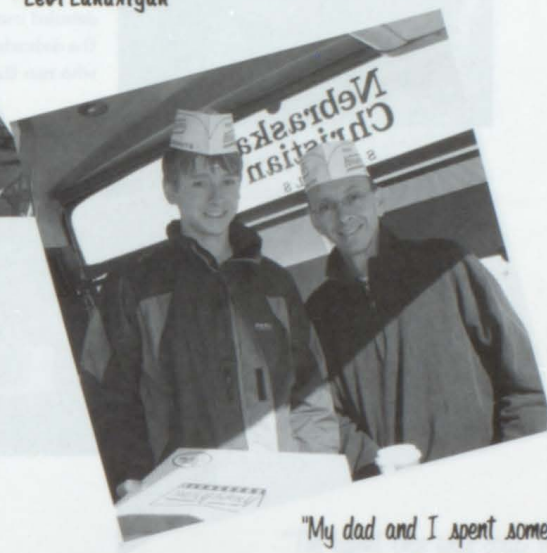
Right: Isaac Elge stands in the line of men at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. This sculpture depicted men lining up for food during the Great Depression.



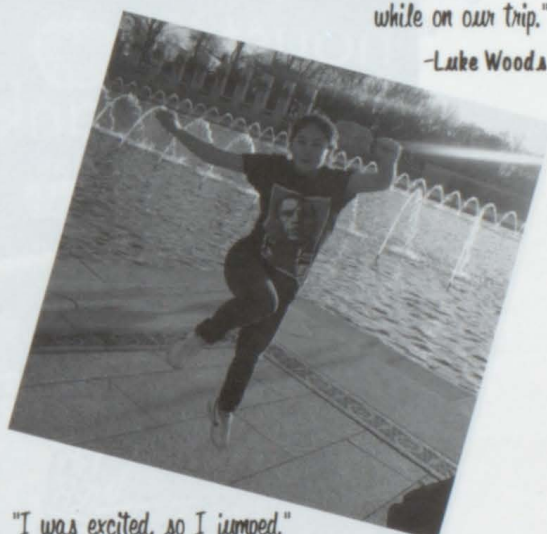
Left: Son Nguyen happily poses in front of the Washington Monument. The group did not have time to visit the monument, but the students were able to see it from the World War II Memorial.



"America needs a strong leader!"  
-Levi Landrigan



"My dad and I spent some quality male bonding time while on our trip."  
-Luke Woods



"I was excited, so I jumped."  
-Jessica Kim



# senior servants

Right: Catching up on his reading, **Fred Lee** utilizes his time on the beach to sit and enjoy his book. Lee spent a large portion of the trip reading, specifically during the long hours on the bus.



Left: Positioning a pair of jeans on a hanger, **Kelsey Shepherd** diligently works in the clothing shelter. The seniors followed the detailed instructions of the dedicated volunteers who ran the shelter.

Right: **Rebekah Poeffel** experiences the difficulty of accomplishing everyday tasks in space by using the zero-gravity simulator at the Johnson Space Center. The seniors were fascinated to explore the base of NASA and even toured the astronaut training center and the Mission Control Center.



"Texas, oh Texas." For several weeks (and for some, several months) preceding March 9, 2010, these longing words became the most common phrase to escape the lips of the seniors. When that early spring morning finally arrived, the senior class eagerly boarded the new Eagles charter bus and began their fifteen hour journey to Houston, Texas. The purpose of the senior trip? To bond as a class, to serve the Lord by serving others, and to be bold witnesses for Jesus Christ wherever they traveled.

Amid scattered palm trees and sticky Houston humidity, the seniors headed to a local church's food and clothing shelter and sorted through donated clothing and books, transported boxes of food, and cleaned a newly renovated youth room. After helping at the church's shelter, they volunteered their afternoon at the Houston Food Bank, aiding in the preparation of approximately 1,000 meals for the needy of Houston.

Many would consider the day at Galveston Bay and Kemah Boardwalk the most challenging yet rewarding and certainly memorable part of their trip. Following a blustery morning on the beach, the crew strolled through the Kemah Boardwalk and interviewed the passers-by, asking them worldview questions and presenting the Gospel.

Even after the trip came to an end and the class returned to the frigid Nebraska soil, many relived the moments of their senior trip and continued to fondly mutter, "Texas, oh Texas."

-Janelle Bailey



Above: Amber Rainbolt grins while sliding on her hairnet at the Houston Food Bank. Rainbolt lead the way in encouraging her classmates to speedily and neatly serve food in the assembly line.

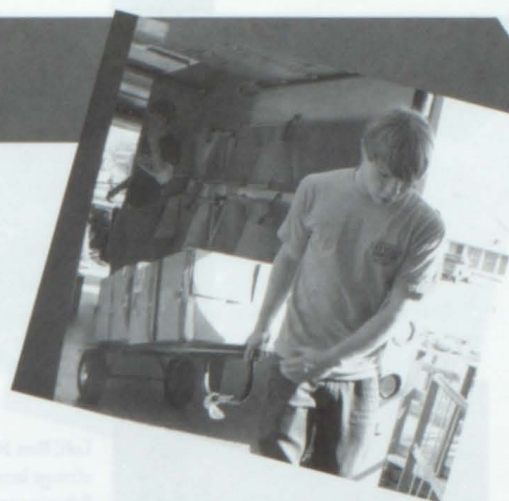


Above: Keeping their eyes on the prize, Shannon Rodehorst and Dominic Cho blast a spinning circle with water to win a toy for Anna Dinh's birthday present. While at the Kemah Boardwalk, students played carnival games and asked people worldview questions.

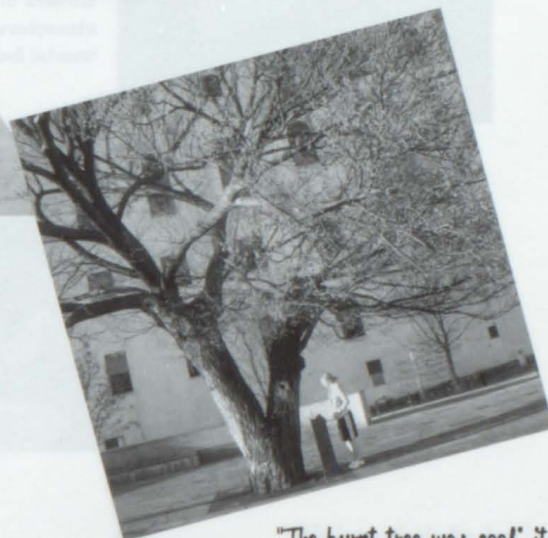




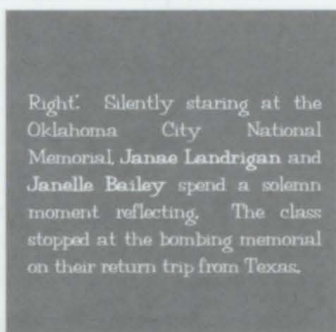
Above: Hurdling into the air, Johnny Chang reaches for the football as Elliot Murphy tackles him. Along with splashing through the chilly surf, the senior boys played football and Frisbee on the beach.



"Hard work, no pay ... happens."  
-Caleb Urban



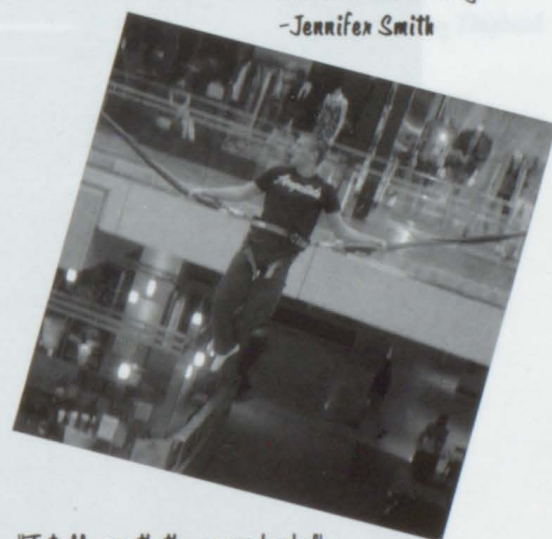
"The burnt tree was cool; it survived the bombing."  
-Jennifer Smith



Right: Silently staring at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, Janae Landrigan and Janelle Bailey spend a solemn moment reflecting. The class stopped at the bombing memorial on their return trip from Texas.



Left: Trying to get a full view of a rocket, several seniors gaze at the outside of the the NASA Space Center. While at NASA, the class experienced tours, games, and rockets.



"Totally worth the seven bucks!"  
-Rick Dawson



Right: Marveling over the appetizers, **James You** and **Nick Le** choose from the food options. The junior international students helped plan the menu with food from their cultures.



Left: **Son Nguyen** strings lanterns on fishing wire to hang from the ceiling. **Nguyen hung ten lanterns** to give the atmosphere a more oriental feeling.



Right: **Fred Lee** sips his punch, while **Rebekah Poeffel** tries to determine what flavor her drink is. Junior parents served the punch and appetizers.



## oriental night

Dozens of lively plants and trees, authentic lanterns, twinkling strands of lights, trellises, a flower covered bridge, and endless yards of tulle surrounded the juniors as they planned "A Night in the Orient." Heartland Evangelical Free Church was the location for the Asian-themed evening. **Shannon Rodehorst** said, "Teenagers just need a reason to dress up; it doesn't matter what country you're from!"

After pictures, juniors and seniors ate appetizers such as meat kabobs, crab rangoon, egg rolls, and chocolate covered strawberries. **Mr. Daniel Woods** spoke about different cultures and how they impact the world. After Mr. Woods finished, juniors and seniors watched a picture slide show of seniors that **Nathan Ritta**, **Anna Faeh**, and **Sarah Armatys** put together. As the seniors left to head to the after party at Westside Lanes in Grand Island, the juniors and parents stayed to clean up the church. The juniors went on to join the seniors and enjoyed bowling for two hours. "It was fun to bowl with my suit on, and-it was a good time to hang out with people in our class," said **Son Nguyen**. Overall, the juniors enjoyed putting the evening together for the seniors.

Stephany Krieger



Above: Junior girls **Bailey Davis**, **Michelle Toukan**, **Stephany Krieger**, **Alycea Unruh**, **Anna Faeh**, and **Katrina Troester** model their bowling shoes as they bowl in their dresses. Though bowling in formal wear was sometimes tricky, it made for unforgettable memories.

Junior-senior



Above: After potting the trees, **Casey Beck** spray paints them white. The trees were decorated with origami birds made by **Alice Kim**, **Yeni Kim**, **Nick Le**, and **Son Nguyen**.





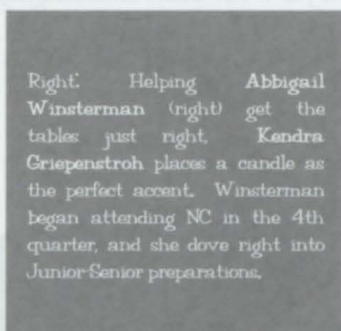
Above: Making Johnny Chang lose his focus, Amber Rainbolt distracts him from his next bowl. Chang and Rainbolt had more fun just being with their friends than they did competitively playing the game, as did most juniors and seniors.



"It was a ball!"  
-Kate Zuehlke



"Thinking outside the box is just what we do!"  
-Kelsey Shephard



Right: Helping Abigail Winsterman (right) get the tables just right, Kendra Gripenstroh places a candle as the perfect accent. Winsterman began attending NC in the 4th quarter, and she dove right into Junior-Senior preparations.



Left: Finding a window through heads, seniors position themselves for a group picture. NC alumna Susanna (Weiss) Poefel of Creative Images Photography took the professional photos.



"It's a good thing I like Chinese food."  
-Nathan Ritta



Right: Nathan Ritta and Anna Faeh lead the seniors to the stage on graduation day. Faeh and Ritta earned the honor of being escorts based on their high grade point averages.



Left: Celebrating Linh Vuong's graduation, Yeni Kim and Vuong embrace for a photo. As dorm sisters, the two shared many tender moments throughout the year.

Right: Dr. Jim Eckman, the president of Grace University, gives the keynote address at commencement. Eckman encouraged seniors to pray continually and rejoice always.



## Taking FLIGHT

After four long years of high school, almost every senior looks forward to one day: graduation. Although preparations may take long and fulfilling the credits may be agonizing, graduating is worth it. The day began with tears and ended with shouts of joy, but the graduating class of 2010 was encouraged to remember God and follow Him throughout their lives. Abbie Krug explained in her speech, "We should honor and glorify God today." She argued that a life can be over in an instant and glorifying God should never be put off. Janae Landrigan spoke on taking care of the "what ifs" in life and being sure that Christ has control. Another student speaker, Janelle Bailey, talked about being servants for God. Finally, the special speaker, Dr. Jim Eckman of Grace University, told students to pray often and rejoice always. With these encouraging words, the seniors set out to begin their adult lives.

-Bailey Davis



Above: Celebrating after the ceremony, the seniors gather and toss their caps into the air. Many of the graduates had been looking forward to this moment for several years.

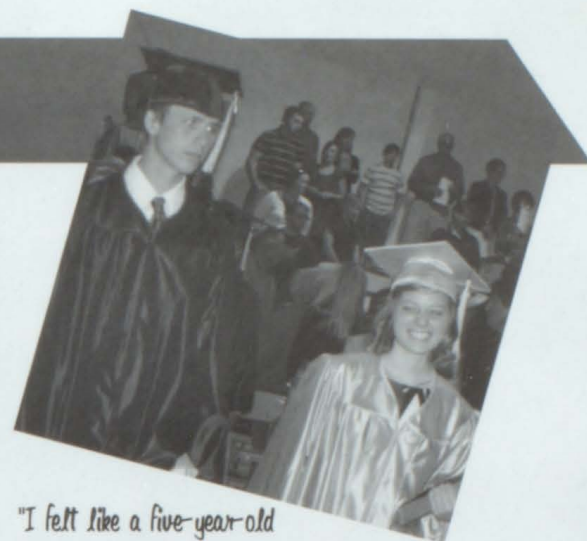


Above: Walking to the stage, Conrad Huenefeld and Amber Rainbolt prepare to graduate. Huenefeld was one of five students to join the class for the senior year.

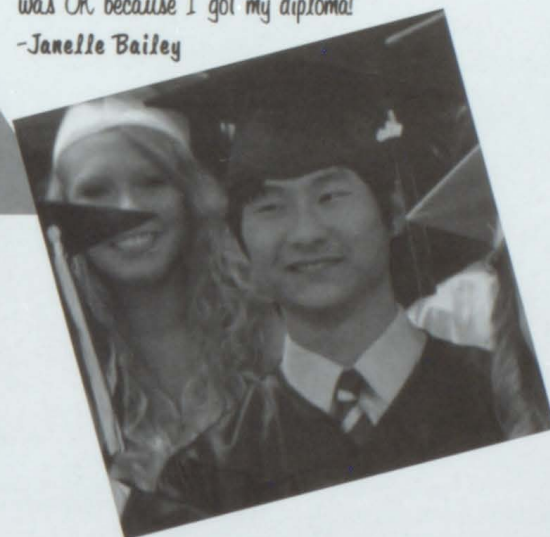




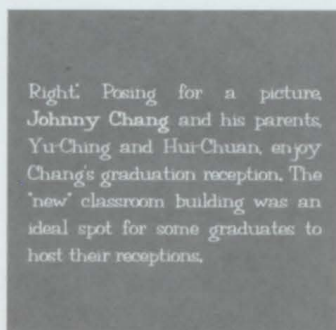
Above: Stepping up to the podium, Janae Landrigan gives her speech to the crowd and fellow seniors at the graduation ceremony. Janelle Bailey and Abbie Krug also received the honor of speaking at the ceremony due to their high grades.



"I felt like a five-year-old walking next to giant Adam...but it was OK because I got my diploma!"  
-Janelle Bailey



"Finally I'm finished!"  
-Fred Lee



Right: Posing for a picture, Johnny Chang and his parents, Yu-Ching and Hui-Chuan, enjoy Chang's graduation reception. The 'new' classroom building was an ideal spot for some graduates to host their receptions.



Left: Sharing a tender moment, Kelsey Shepherd hugs Mrs. Laurel Toukan. In memory of Christopher Toukan, who attended NC from kindergarten until his death in the eighth grade, several senior girls carried flowers to his parents, Mike and Laurel Toukan.



"It's about time!"  
-Kate Zuehlke





Above: With the crowd cheering and chanting, Derek Rose anticipates his next move to try to pop the balloon tied around John Zhang's ankle. This game involved students tying a balloon to their leg and running around demolishing each others' balloons. Unfortunately, most balloons were popped by the grass, rather than by other students.

*"Quiz Bowl is a fantastic way to enrich your mind, and Mr. Uhler is a fabulous coach."*

-Anna Faeh



*"Speech is a sport."*  
-Levi Landnigan





Left: Expressing the importance of the gift she clasps in her hand, Anna Dinh explains to Stephany Krieger the value of finding the perfect groom. The description of this gift can be found in Matthew 5.

## every activity

The stage crew crouched, ready to silently, stealthily maneuver props.  
Wide eyes stared in disbelief as whipped cream splattered through the air in slow motion.  
Muscles tensed in utter concentration, waiting for Mr. Flynn's precise cue.  
Fingers hovered over the electronic buzzer, ready to flinch in a moment's notice.  
Bodies froze in place, prepared to burst into character at the judge's signal.

These moments of nerve-raising anticipation marked the extraordinary events that ingrained lasting memories of high school—the moments that caused sweaty palms and racing heartbeats. However, when finally over, these moments produced high fives, peals of stomach-wrenching laughter, teary-eyed applause, and fist pumps. Though these activities required much preparation, sometimes even grueling months of preparation, in the end the pay off made the activities absolutely worth the effort. Whether through performance, music, competition, or public speaking, students proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, pressing onward despite the nerves.

—Janelle Bailey



Left: Playing the flute passionately, Abbie Krug concentrates on perfecting her solo for music contest. Krug, who began playing at age 11, was selected as a member of the Festival of Lessons & Carols orchestra, joining musicians from Hastings College and the surrounding community.



Right: Jessica Kim harmonizes with the choir at the Festival of Lessons & Carols. Kim, a soprano, participated in the event for the second year.





Above: Amazing fellow students by fitting on a mini-bike, Michelle Toukan zips around the track at a StuCo social. One of the events at the social consisted of four teams racing around the track on bicycles. Toukan was the only member of her team to fit on the mini-bike.



Center: Serving the Lord with a rather grumpy face, Caleb Schulze gives blood during the Student Council-sponsored Red Cross blood drive. The blood drive was a great opportunity for students to impact people all over Nebraska and the United States.

## Fun & Fellowship

The 2009-2010 Student Council (StuCo), led by senior Elliot Murphy, held many special activities throughout the year to have an active role in the student body. The first event StuCo held was the Back-to-School social to encourage students to get to know their own student body. As students split into teams, they participated in several games, including a Kool-Aid chugging contest and a watermelon pass. Another big event that StuCo hosted was the Homecoming week activities that focused on class unity. In early October, the Student Council also sponsored an encouragement week. Throughout the week, students were able to write encouragement notes to teachers and students, which were delivered along with a sucker that Friday. And on November 10th, StuCo sponsored a blood drive. As more teachers and students volunteered to give blood than the Red Cross staff could accommodate, the day was considered a success. Before sending the student body off on the two-week Christmas vacation, StuCo hosted a Christmas party consisting of a school-wide game of knock-out, musical chairs, and many more enjoyable activities. Not only did the Student Council host all these activities during the first semester to bring the student body together, but to bring an end to the school year, they put together a school-wide track meet and bought Subway sandwiches for lunch another day to give the kitchen staff a break. Summing up this year, Vice President Janelle Bailey said, "I've been overwhelmed with how God has blessed each of our events. It's been encouraging to see students lead others willingly and well."

—Miss Becky Ritta & Shelisa Boutin

Below: Playing a hand slapping game, Dusty Whisenand studies Student Council President Elliot Murphy to see what move he will add. The Student Council held a Christmas party at the end of the fall semester that included activities like musical chairs and a school-wide game of knockout.



Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Vice President Janelle Bailey, Secretary Janae Landrigan, Emily Simmons, Cailyn Ostrand. Row 2: James Davis, President Elliot Murphy, Treasurer Jordan McHargue, Luke Woods, Shannon Rodehorst, Jahn Landrigan. (Not Pictured: Adviser, Becky Ritta.)





# seeing intent

One of the things that makes Nebraska Christian stand out from other schools is its dependence on the financial support of people who believe in the value of a Christian education. These supporters are vital to the success of NC, and several times throughout the school year, they are invited to the campus to see what is going on at Nebraska Christian. The Harvest Festival and the Advance Dessert are two such events. During the Harvest Festival, attendees receive a complimentary meal, and one or two long-time supporters receive the Hall of Faith award. The other traditional thank-you event, the Advance Dinner, was replaced in 2010 by the Advance Dessert.

Other special events were not designed specifically to thank supporters but to introduce people to the mission of Nebraska Christian. The Festival of Lessons & Carols takes place each December and provides an opportunity for community members to celebrate Christ's birth through an evening of music. Nebraska Christian hosts this event, but many musicians from the community are invited to participate. NC's main fundraiser is the annual Dinner & Benefit Auction. This event brings people to NC who would not otherwise have a reason to set foot on campus. In addition to having the opportunity to purchase items, attendees learn about the programs and purposes of NC. Through special events, outsiders are able to gain an understanding of the intent of the school.

Shelisa Boutin & Miss Becky Ritta

Below: Setting up for the Benefit Auction, Emily Simmons, Katherine Welk, Yeni Kim, and Sarah Armatys fill the guests' cups with ice. Many of Nebraska Christian's students enjoyed volunteering to serve at this event.



Below right: Janelle Bailey enthusiastically performs her state-qualifying serious prose 'In the Presence of My Enemies' at the Advance Dessert. Each spring, the speech coaches choose one or two team members to present their speeches at end-of-the-year activities.



Left: During the Festival of Lessons & Carols, Kimberly Deichmann and Katie Nuss sing with the mass choir. The annual Christmas event drew people from the community to Nebraska Christian to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Center: Son Nguyen cleans plates up after people are finished with their meal during the Harvest Festival. Nguyen was always very happy to lend a hand at these types of events.





Left: Blasting out the school fight song (clockwise from top left) Ethan Unruh, Cameron Ruybalid, Maddie Kirby, Scott Smith and Janae Landrigan get the crowd excited for the football game. The pep band played for nearly every home game, not only to get the crowd exhilarated, but also to support the Eagle athletes.

## one Song

The Music and Worship room transformed into a rehearsal studio after lunch as band members walked over from the cafeteria. The squawking horns and the beating drums were the result of the musicians warming up, readying their instruments, and waiting for the cue from Mr. Mike Flynn. Soon these awkward and lonesome notes transformed into a harmonious melody resounding as one instrument. Band is a wonderful opportunity to enhance musical skills and present Christ in the world around us, said Derek Rose. While the drums kept the beat, the flutes continued the harmony, and the trumpets carried the song along, the remaining instruments filled in the missing pieces to complete the melody. Day after day, of intense practices enabled the band to perfect their pieces, and they in turn received 'one' rankings at both the Goldenrod Music Contest and the District competition. Nathan Ritta said, Band can be a lot of fun. It's a great break from the stricter requirements of most other classes. Each musician contributed his own abilities to complete the band. Eliminating even one instrument would lead to a variance in the sound, changing the meaning of the song.

Katie Griess



Left: Master's Musicians, clockwise from top left: Caleb Schulze, Levi Landrigan, James Davis, Scott Ritta, Nathan Ritta, Rebekah Poeffel, Anna Faeh, Janae Landrigan, Anna Dinh, Abbie Krug, Katrina Troester, Alycea Unruh, Stephany Krieger, Caleb Urban, Alex Newby. (Not pictured: Derek Rose.)



Above: Concert Band, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Brittany Ritta, Anna Kirby, Kimberly Deichmann, Chloe Bauer, Abbie Krug, Rebekah Poeffel, Shawna Ritta, Michaila Lovejoy. Row 2: Scott Smith, CJ Ruybalid, Ethan Unruh, Maddie Kirby, Yeni Kim, Alice Kim, Sean Shin. Row 3: Scott Ritta, Emily Simmons, Janae Landrigan, Andrew Sack, Jonathan Johnson, Duy Trinh. Row 4: Shyler Boutin, Nathan Ritta, Alex Newby, Jahn Landrigan, Levi Landrigan, Curtis Heuermann. Row 5: Katherine Welk, Kelsey Shepherd, Fred Lee, Warren Dexter, Braden Moody, Derek Rose, Dillon Dexter. Row 6: Caleb Urban, Director Mike Flynn. (Not pictured: Anthony Faeh.)

Below: Concert Choir, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Yeni Kim, Jasmine Guo, Jessica Kim, Katie Nuss, Alice Kim, Janet Song, Duy Trinh, Son Nguyen, Jessica Davis, Rachel Miller, Sarah Armatys, Janelle Bailey. Row 2: Katherine Welk, Carrie Beck, Kimberly Deichmann, Michelle Toukan, Kelsey Shepherd, Caleb Urban, Isaac Elge, Nathan Ritta, Cassy Beck, Kevin Lee, Janae Landrigan, Kendra Criepeiro, Joanna Stuhmer, Anna Dinh. Row 3: Ashley Mazankowski, Tressa Johnston, Alycea Unruh, Anna Kirby, Alex Newby, Jahn Landrigan, Derek Rose, Scott Ritta, James Davis, Katie Griess, Heidi Hofmann, Shawna Ritta, Tyra Co. Row 4: Abbie Krug, Amber Rainbolt, Stephany Krieger, Katrina Troester, Caleb Schulze, Adam Richards, Elliot Murphy, Levi Landrigan, Rebekah Poeffel, Anna Faeh, Bekah Mead, Maika Urasaki. Row 5: Joey Sun. (Not pictured: Director Mike Flynn.)





# one Voice

From the eminent notes of the sopranos to the basement pitches of the baritones, the differing tones of the choir orchestrated together and resonated as one voice. These pitches, however, did not all start out as one unified voice. Many inexperienced students took their first steps into the Music and Worship room with no idea what to expect. "Choir is a new experience for me, I have never been in choir before, and I think it is amazing," remarked Joey Sun. With the help of the upperclassmen, the hesitant new comers steadily began to learn the songs and soon, with daily practices, bravely began to harmonize with their fellow classmates. Among these upperclassmen was Alycea Unruh, who was selected as a member of the All-State choir. The upperclassmen's encouragement and assistance greatly paid off in the many choir tours taken this year throughout Nebraska, where the students were able to glorify the Lord with their God-given voices. Stephany Krieger said, "Having choir every day of the week really helped us improve for choir tours and competitions." With the help of upperclassmen, the choir students continued to grow musically and spiritually.

-Katie Griess

Below: Sarah Armatys and Joanna Stuhmer perform their duet for the audience at the Spring Concert. Both Armatys and Stuhmer have participated in choir since their freshman years.



Below right: Abbie Krug flips pages for Katherine Welk at the Advance Dessert. Welk and several other high school girls accompanied the various elementary, junior high, and high school singing groups.



Left: Practicing a duet during band class, Mr. Mike Flynn and Nathan Ritta perfect their piece. A two-time All-State Band member, Ritta was selected as second chair trumpet for the 2009 event.

Center: (Clockwise from top left) Elliot Murphy, Levi Landrigan, Derek Rose, Maika Urasaki, Jahn Landrigan, and Scott Ritta perform with the choir at graduation. Graduation is always the choir's last event of the year.





Above: Receiving a cup of fake wine, Son Nguyen plays the role of king and provides background entertainment for the crowd. The team spent considerable time working on background action to make the play more realistic.



Center: Giving a Tootsie-Pop to Rebekah Poeffel, Johnny Chang's Aladdo proves his status as a ladies' man. Chang's comic timing helped add many humorous elements to the production.



Below: Attempting to stop his opponent from interrupting his precious time with the princess, Adam Richardson "hog-ties" Caleb Urban, after wrestling him to the ground, while Gail Mao looks on in horror. Richardson and Urban played the role of princes with less-than-desirable characteristics, such as anger and aggression.

## Finding Eternity

"It's like Walt Disney meets the Bible."

Those words are how a district judge described Nebraska Christian's one-act drama. Written by drama teacher Gwen Prettyman, "Searching For Happily Ever After" did in fact weave the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 through a play punctuated by skewed versions of popular Disney songs.

The action took place during a party in a royal palace. The princess, played by Stephany Krieger, was to choose a husband from the princes present at the ball. After every encounter with a prince, the princess would remember the love letter that King J had written her. Though some of the princes at first seemed attractive, as Princess Julia spent time with them, she was easily able to see that they did not embody the traits in Matthew 5. In the end, she left the princes, her possessions, and her past life behind and decided to marry King J.

Though the cast members faced difficulties, including having to substitute Kelsey Shepherd for Rebekah Poeffel in competition due to unforeseen circumstances, the team members drew together and performed the play to great success. The team had its highest finish at district since the activity's revival at NC in 2006, placing second. In addition, Krieger, Johnny Chang, and Shannon Rodehorst all received acting awards at the district competition. Not only did the actors find success, but they also had fun. "I wasn't planning to play the lead, but as I got into it, I really had fun," Krieger said. Son Nguyen agreed, saying, "I never acted before, so I was pretty nervous, but when I got used to it, I had fun."

-Shannon Rodehorst & Miss Becky Ritta

Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Stephany Krieger, Anna Dinh; Row 2: Kelsey Shepherd, Son Nguyen, Adam Richardson, Caleb Urban, Johnny Chang, Shannon Rodehorst, Gail Mao. (Not pictured: Rebekah Poeffel, Director Gwen Prettyman, Technical Crew: Dominic Cho, James Davis, Jessica Davis, Thayer Dungan, Jasmine Galt)





# Speak Up!

Speech 2010. Words are difficult to find to clearly describe an event composed of rising at 5 a.m. in order to grow sick with nervousness before performing in front of a grim judge and a room full of harsh competitors. Why do people subject themselves to this torture? Well, as senior and four-year team member **Rebekah Poeffel** said, "Speech is awesome. Enough said." As simple as this explanation appears, it holds an element of truth. Many of the members of the speech team would find it difficult to express their love for the competition. However, at the close of each season, teammates all feel a sense of heaviness at saying goodbye. Goodbye to the coaches and their facial expressions that will never be forgotten. Goodbye to another chapter of life.

This speech season unveiled extraordinary moments. Upperclassmen felt an urgency and joy at assisting novices, and the speech team drastically expanded. A highlight of the year appeared when the team was blessed with the opportunity of sending many upper and lower classmen to state. However, the most rewarding aspect of the year came through growth as the team grew closer to each other and to Christ. Many team members forged through difficult competition with Christian pieces that judges often did not appreciate. Yet, the greater purpose was found in presenting pieces that shared the gospel with an audience. The speech team members' goal was simple: to perform to the best of their abilities and to glorify God.

—Abbie Krug

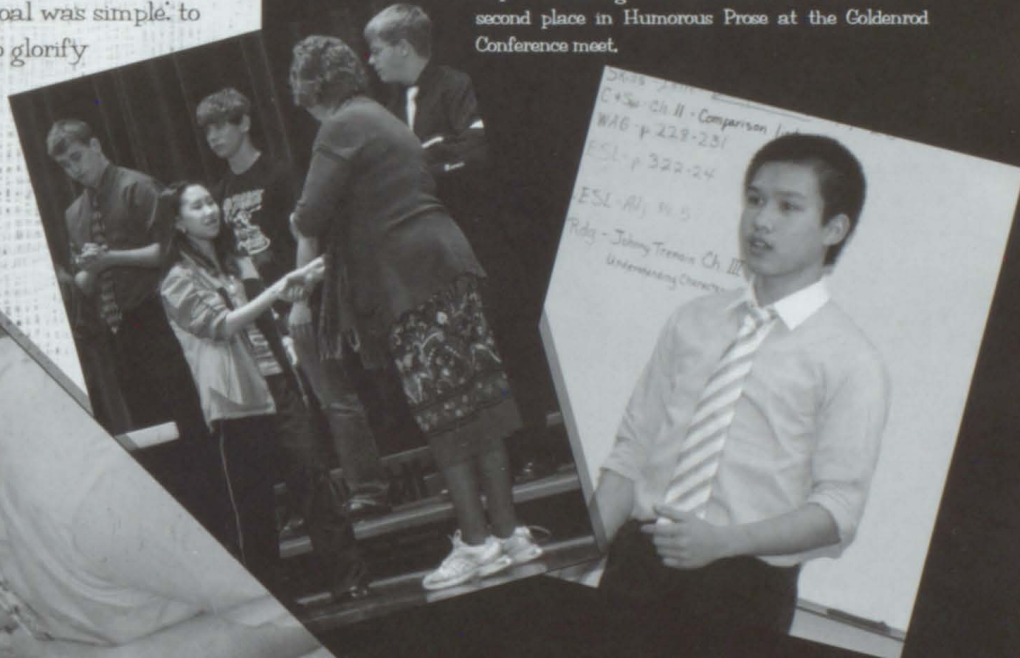
Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Kimberly Deichmann, Michelle Toukan, Kelsey Shepherd, Anna Dinh, Janelle Bailey, Katie Nuss, Katherine Welk. Row 2: Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris, Chloe Bauer, Janae Landrigan, Rebekah Poeffel, Anna Faeh, Abbie Krug, Head Coach Becky Ritta. Row 3: Shannon Rodehorst, Levi Landrigan, Elliot Murphy, Jahn Landrigan, Joey Sun, Duy Trinh.



Right: The 2010 State Speech Qualifiers, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Levi Landrigan, Janae Landrigan. Row 2: Katherine Welk, Shannon Rodehorst, Abbie Krug, Anna Dinh, Kelsey Shepherd, Janelle Bailey. Row 3: Joey Sun, Anna Faeh, Rebekah Poeffel.



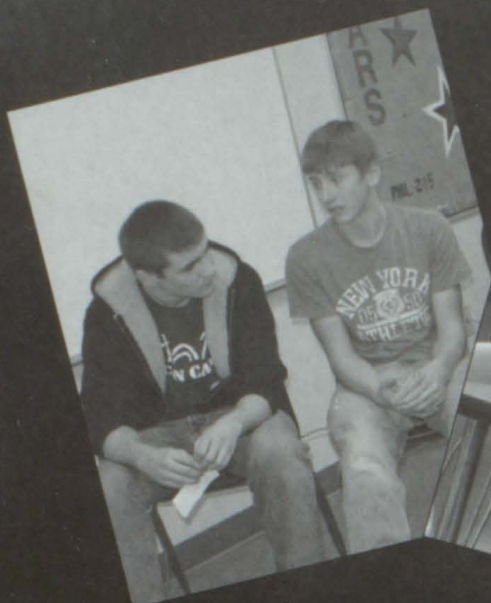
Below right: Performing his humorous prose, "Love is a Fallacy," Duy Trinh portrays a man searching for love. Participating in speech helped Trinh improve his English. His performance ability also improved throughout the season, and he received second place in Humorous Prose at the Goldenrod Conference meet.



Left: In twist on a classic fairy tale, **Abbie Krug** plays the domineering Little Miss Muffet who erupts in anger at the dramatic **Seymore Spider**, played by **Shannon Rodehorst**. The duo played well off of each other's reactions, which allowed them to medal at several meets throughout the season.

Center: Smiling with satisfaction, **Katherine Welk** receives her medal for her humorous speech, just one of the three events she participated in. A freshman, Welk qualified for the state meet in Kearney in Entertainment Speaking.





Above: While practicing, Nathan Ritta and Luke Woods thoughtfully discuss the answer to a bonus question. Students on the team used their entire eighth period class at least once a week to prepare themselves for competitions.



Center: In the meet against Fullerton, Duy Trinh tries his best at responding to the question. Each year the team travels to Fullerton to practice competing to ensure each member knows the rules and gets a feel for how the activity functions.

## Verifying Intellect

Although quiz bowl can prove to be a challenging activity, students continue to gather each year to combine their own knowledge together to form a unified team. Whether someone knows that the Rio Grande is the second largest river to flow into the Gulf of Mexico or can recite the formula to figure a person's age IQ, any random fact helps in competition.

This year the team competed in a dual with Fullerton and the Goldenrod Conference competition with nine other teams. The Nebraska Christian high school team earned third place at conference. Cody Smith said, "I'm glad we beat Burwell at conference." Although the competition rules remained the same, a significant change occurred to the team itself. In past years, the team consisted of about ten people, but this year seventeen students participated.

Whether they were underclassmen exploring the competition of quiz bowl or upperclassmen simply using their last chance to try it out, students from grades seven through twelve took on the quiz bowl challenge. Kimberly Deichmann said, "I joined because I know a lot of the answers to questions, and it's just fun." From practice to competition, each member avidly contributed their time and intelligence to give the team a successful year.

-Jennifer Smith

Below: As the first to stand, Janae Landrigan confidently answers the question. Landrigan was the only senior who competed in the activity all four years of high school.



Below: High School Quiz Bowl Team, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Duy Trinh, Shannon Rodehorst, Bailey Davis, Katherine Welk, Katie Nuss, Kimberly Deichmann. Row 2: Coach Bill Uhler, Nathan Ritta, Janae Landrigan, Jennifer Smith, Anna Faeh, Alex Newby. Row 3: Andrew Swanson, Jahn Landrigan, Thayer Dungan, Levi Landrigan, Luke Woods, Cody Smith.



Above: Junior High Quiz Bowl Team, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Matthew Swanson, Scott Smith, Ethan Uhrh, Emily Simmons, Coach Dee Flynn. Row 2: Coach Bill Uhler, Beran Fisher, Sophia Songthangtham. (Not pictured: Tonye Fisher.)



# never forgotten

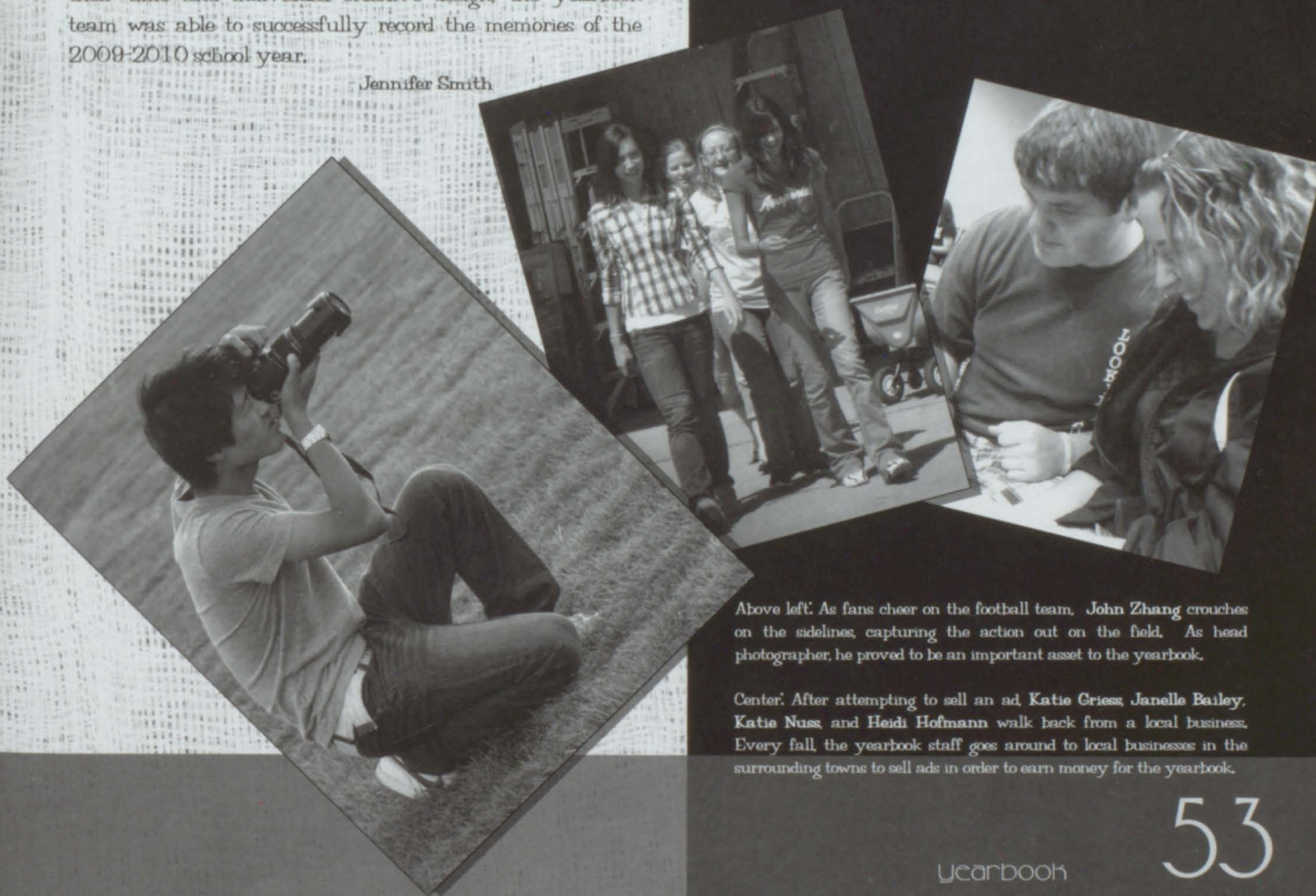
Year after year, select high school students work together selling ads, composing articles, taking photographs, and designing pages to create a yearbook. This year, a few changes affected the yearbook team. Instead of using Adobe InDesign, which was only accessible on school computers, the team used an online designing program from Walsworth Yearbooks, which allowed more convenient accessibility. This program introduced many advanced features, including a 'live yearbook' that allowed students the ability to flip through the entire yearbook online. Thayer Dungan said, 'The live yearbook makes it so much easier for us to see the yearbook as a whole and find any mistakes.' Along with a new program came supplementary students. A typical yearbook staff consisted of only about ten students, but this year the class grew to eighteen students. Also, the class was available two different periods, which opened the class up for many students and caused the staff to grow. The yearbook officers and top salesmen also attended a yearbook conference in Kearney. At the conference, the students acquired many ideas on how to plan and design the yearbook. Bailey Davis said, 'We learned a lot of new techniques for the online design program that allowed us to improve the yearbook design.' By each student contributing their time and individual creative design, the yearbook team was able to successfully record the memories of the 2009-2010 school year.

Jennifer Smith

Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Cail Mao, Head Photographer John Zhang, Editor-in-Chief Shannon Rodehorst, Katie Nuss, Stephany Krieger, Layout Manager Bailey Davis, Seth Bailey, Joey Sun. Row 2: Copy Editor Janelle Bailey, Jennifer Smith, Michelle Toukan, Business Manager Thayer Dungan, Dominic Cho. Row 3: Shelisa Routin, Heidi Hofmann, Katie Griess, Sierra Sheeks, Joanna Stuhmer, Adviser Becky Ritta. (Not pictured: DyAnn DiCostanzo.)



Below right: Looking over pages and example yearbooks at the yearbook conference, Shannon Rodehorst and Stephany Krieger gather many creative ideas for the yearbook. Not only did the team gain insight on innovative designs, but the conference also taught them how to use the new online yearbook program.



Above left: As fans cheer on the football team, John Zhang crouches on the sidelines, capturing the action out on the field. As head photographer, he proved to be an important asset to the yearbook.

Center: After attempting to sell an ad, Katie Griess, Janelle Bailey, Katie Nuss, and Heidi Hofmann walk back from a local business. Every fall, the yearbook staff goes around to local businesses in the surrounding towns to sell ads in order to earn money for the yearbook.





Above: Slamming into their opponent, Derek Rose, Scott Ritta, and Luke Woods wrestle a ball carrier to the ground in JV action. JV allowed younger players to get valuable game experience they could not get in varsity games and allowed some varsity players more time on the field to sharpen their skills.

*"Volleyball is like Disneyworld, it's just magical."*

*-Katie Gneass*



*"Guess who?"*

*-Jonathan Smith*

*"Bet you're wrong."*

*-Cody Smith*





Left: Pulling off a series of painful moves on his opponent, Isaac Elge takes control of his match. Elge enjoyed using his strength and skills to pummel his adversaries.

## every team

Sportsmanship in sports is often overlooked. It becomes swallowed up in a sea of passion and fury that can often corrupt the basic reason for playing sports: the joy of playing the game. In today's culture, playing sports has become a ritual, a rite of passage. Young men and women all over the country spend hours of their time and buckets of their blood, sweat, and tears to play a game for all the wrong reasons. While the competitive side of sports should not be ignored, this side has swelled way out of proportion. Towns all over Nebraska and the United States base their reputation off of how well their sports teams play. Moreover, towns bicker senselessly over their teams and whose is better. For athletes at Nebraska Christian, however, sportsmanship was an important part of sports. In a year when losses were plentiful and wins were hard to come by, the Eagles won the Goldenrod Conference sportsman award in boys' and girls' basketball. This award is given to the school with the best attitudes and actions in five areas: student fans, adult fans, girls' teams, guys' teams, and administration. It is voted on by the administrators of the schools in the conference. "I thought it was great that we could share our faith through our competition with other teams," said **Kameron Kaelin**. Although the Eagles did have a tough year, they did not just win a sportsmanship award. Both the guys and girls finished runner-up at the Goldenrod Conference track meet at Burwell, the cross country team had a representative at state, and the wrestling team sent two wrestlers to state. Also, ten members of the track team competed at the state meet, earning six medals, including **Michelle Toukan's** gold in the 100 meter dash. However, these accomplishments are not as important in the long run as the lessons learned by the athletes. Through the good and the not so good, they always held their heads high, knowing they were a success in the eyes of God.

-Seth Bailey



Left: Sprinting to catch her partner, **Jessica Kim** slaps the baton into **Alice Kim's** hand. This hand-off was meticulously practiced to ensure a smooth transition.



Right: Rounding the bend, **Chloe Bauer** keeps a steady pace to gain ground on her competitors. Bauer, who thought of herself as more of a sprinter than a long distance runner, surprised herself with her endurance in long distance.



# cross country pressing on

A stride, a breath, another step closer. Through scorching heat and numbing wind chills, cross country runners pressed forward, despite the often agonizing weather. Along with the hostile climates and physical battles of long distance running waged the mental war, tempting runners to quit.

After enduring daily practices and weekly meets, members of the 2009 cross country team forged a bond unlike that of teams from most schools. Yes, opposing teams felt the same unwelcome temperatures and grueling hills of certain courses. **Joey Sun** commented on running conditions, saying, "For me the hardest course was the Hastings meet because it was really hilly and really windy that day."

Nebraska Christian's cross country team, however, not only ran together but also lived together. Because their homes were across the state and, for some, across the ocean, all fifteen members were dorm students at Nebraska Christian. "With everyone being dorm members, we could talk about our lives instead of just talking about running during practice," stated senior **Janae Landrigan**. This unique situation created a diverse team of varying personalities and cultures. Some had never run long-distance competitively. Some had never even heard of "cross country" in their countries and curiously joined the team. **Alice Kim** explained, "Before I came here, I got the application and saw 'sports choices.' My mom asked, 'Basketball?' And I said, 'No, no basketball.' Then we saw 'cross country', and we thought it was traveling and trips so I did it."

Despite various native roots and reasons for joining the team, all rallied together to form the largest cross country team Nebraska Christian had experienced in all twelve years of the team's existence.

-Janelle Bailey & Joey Sun

Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Head Coach Janet Landrigan, Chloe Bauer, Alice Kim, Jessica Kim, Yoni Kim, Jane Seok, Row 2: Student Manager Shannon Rodehorst, Joey Sun, Duy Trinh, Janae Landrigan, Dominic Cho, Row 3: Adam Richardson, Dillon Dexter, John Zhang, Jahn Landrigan, Wai Ng.



Below: Focusing on the finish line, Dillon Dexter pushes to overtake the runner beside him. As a transfer student, Dexter was not eligible for varsity medals, but that didn't stop him from running hard.





Below: Prior to their race, the boys' cross country runners gather as Mr. Larry Hoff prays for them. Hoff, the team's previous coach, attended meets and supported the runners as he was able.

What doesn't kill you won't make you stronger.

-Adam Richardson



#### Meets

Boone Central Invite  
Centura Invite  
Central City Invite  
Boone Central Invite  
Hastings St. Cecilia Invite  
District Meet (Hebron)  
State Meet (Kearney)

I ran very hard, but I am sure I couldn't do it without Christ.

-John Landnigan



Cross Country was a lot of fun because I got to see everyone improve and I reached my goal of the year.

-Janee Landnigan



Above: With the sun blazing, his hair blowing, and arms pumping John Zhang keeps a medal in mind as he runs down a bumpy hill to finish the race. Zhang finished in tenth place at the Centura Invite.





# VOLLEYBALL

## going green

The drive, motivation, and intensity of the Nebraska Christian volleyball team stimulated a competitive season. High school volleyball held many new experiences for a number of young players who started building confidence and began learning to play with new teammates.

While many players were "green" and had little experience, the Eagles quickly learned to compete aggressively. The three returning seniors, **Jennifer Smith**, **Kelsey Shepherd**, and **Amber Rainbolt**, inspired the Lady Eagles to develop faith in what they do. "It was obviously a building year, but I think we all performed to the best of our abilities and learned to play really well together," **Kelsey Shepherd** said.

Although not always victorious, the players pushed themselves and gelled as a team with the help of **Jennifer Smith** and **Alycea Unruh**. These two individuals, great assets to the team, both received Honorable Mention All-Conference Honors. **Sarah Armatys** stated, "I really enjoyed playing this year. The girls were very encouraging, and I am very much looking forward to next season as a senior player. God blessed us in many ways this year, and we hope to glorify Him in all we do next year." With numerous returning players next season, the Eagles eagerly anticipate next year as the once "green" girls take root and blossom.

-Katie Griess



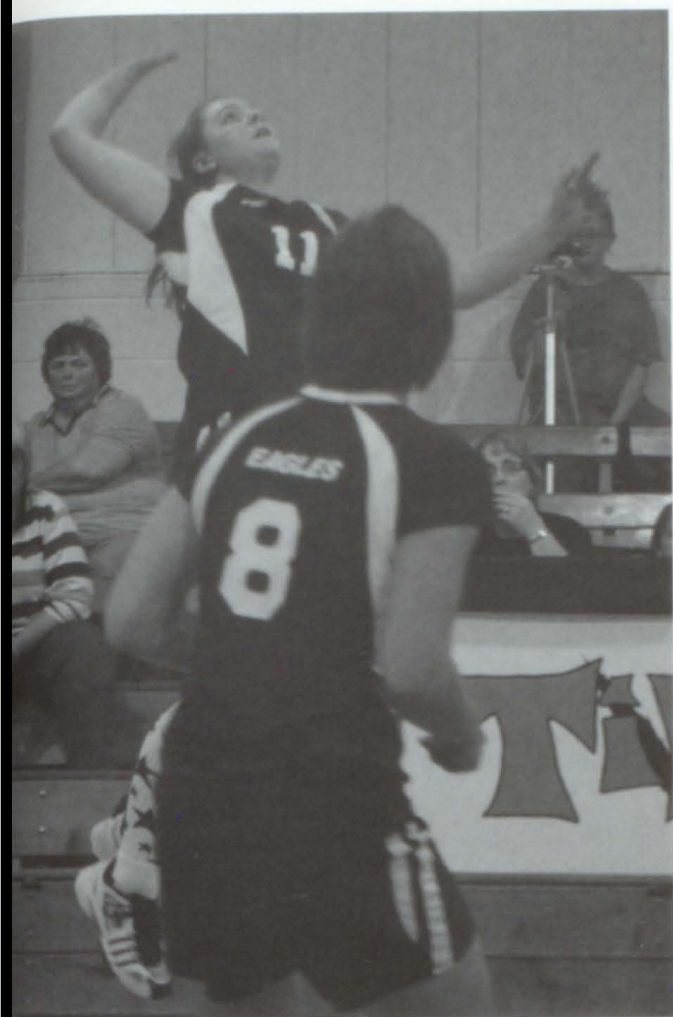
Below: The junior varsity team huddles before the upcoming match against the Palmer Tigers. Though the JV team consisted mostly of freshmen, the players bonded as a team and strove to improve their talents throughout the season.

Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Heidi Hofmann, Rachel Miller, Amber Rainbolt, Kelsey Shepherd, Katie Griess, Anna Faeh, Row 2: Sarah Armatys, Jessica Davis, Alycea Unruh, Jennifer Smith, Joanna Stuhmer, Katrina Troester, Row 3: Student Manager Cailyn Ostrand, Katherine Welk, Ashley Mazankowski, Bekah Mead, Anna Kirby, Student Manager Emily Simmons, Row 4: Head Coach Tonya Ostrand, Student Manager Katie Nuss. (Not pictured: Coach's Aide Kate Perry and Assistant Coach Erin Mankin.)





Below: Alycea Unruh leaps off the court to attempt a game winning kill as Jennifer Smith, Katie Griess, and Anna Faeh ready themselves for a possible return. These four starters proved to be valuable in skill and leadership.



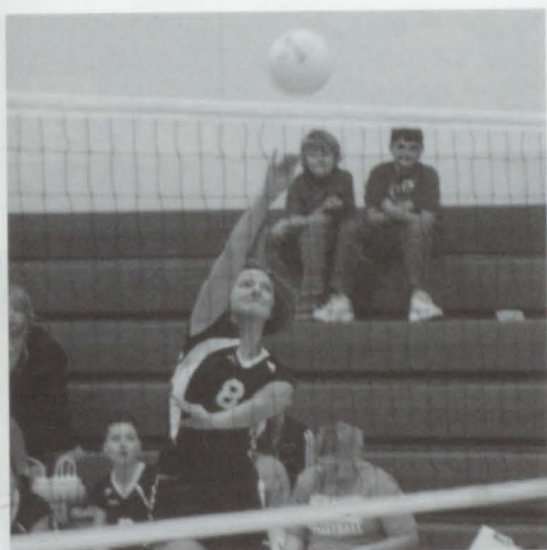
"The fans motivated us to work to the best of our abilities which caused us to try harder and give glory to God through our efforts."

-Jen Smith



### Volleyball Scorebox

Palmer	0-2
Heartland Lutheran	2-0
Nebraska Lutheran	1-3
High Plains	1-3
Burwell	1-2
North-Loup Scotia	1-2
Osceola	0-2
Clay Center	0-2
Palmer	0-3
Heartland Lutheran	1-2
Elba	0-2
Spalding	0-2
Fullerton	1-2
Newman Grove	0-2
St. Edward	1-2
Dodge	0-2
Lindsay Holy Family	0-2
Rising City	2-0
Greeley Wolbach	0-3
North-Loup Scotia	1-3
Heartland	0-2
Cross County	0-2
Cedar Rapids	0-2
Arcadia	0-2
Harvard	1-3



Above: Focused, Anna Faeh pummels the ball onto the opponents' side of the court. Faeh played a diverse role on the team as both setter and outside hitter.

"Our team this year really improved even though we had many younger players. The seniors showed great leadership which caused the whole team to play with a lot of intensity."

-Alycea Unruh





# Football

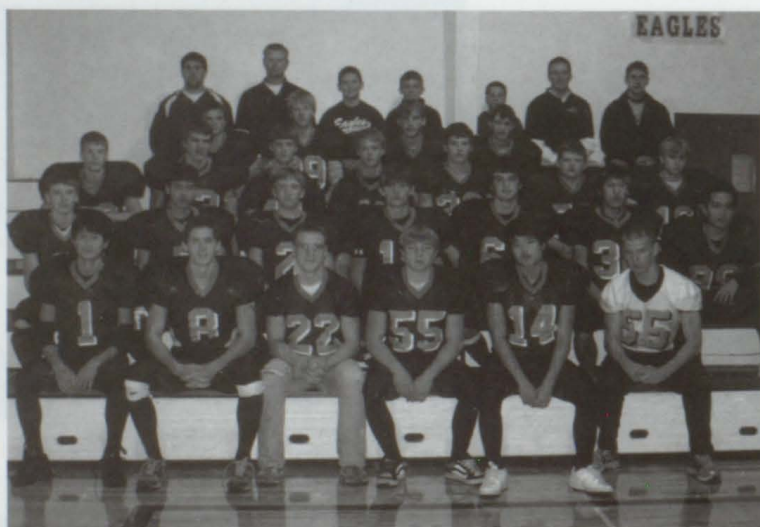
## Facing adversity

Second Timothy 1:7 states, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." For the 2009 Nebraska Christian Eagles' football team, this verse became more than a motto—it became a battle cry. The Eagles, who lost the majority of the 2008 starters, faced some of the toughest teams in D-1, and suffered a rash of injuries, had no shortage of excuses. However, instead of falling apart, the team banded together and played even harder. "In life, people always fail. What separates people is if they get up or not," said **Fred Lee**. Although the team experienced some tough losses early in the year, they kept battling, and halfway through the year their perseverance paid off in a thrilling win over Osceola. "Even though we were not supposed to beat Osceola, we came together, worked hard, and ended up getting a W," said **Thayer Dungan**. After their great win, the team suffered from illnesses and injuries and did not come away with another win. Despite a disappointing finish to the season, the Eagles succeeded in transitioning from a group of individuals into a team, and in the process laid the groundwork for 2010.

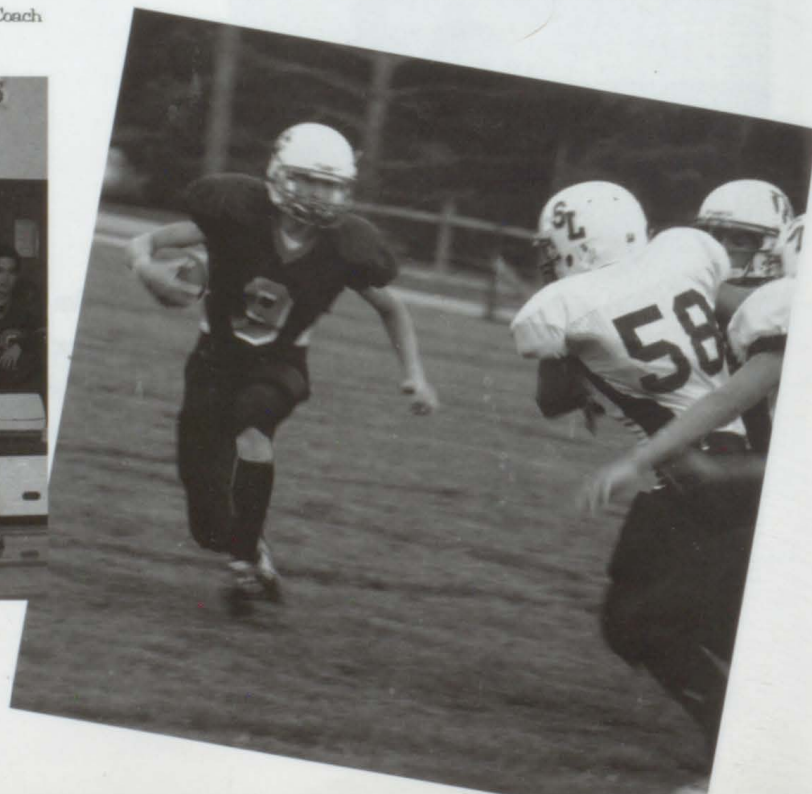
—Seth Bailey



Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Fred Lee, Elliot Murphy, Thayer Dungan, Caleb Urban, Johnny Chang, Rick Dawson. Row 2: Luke Woods, Son Nguyen, Scott Ritta, James Davis, Jordan McHargue, Trevor Lee, Trung Ngo. Row 3: Jacob Simmons, Levi Landrigan, Jonathan Smith, Cody Smith, Andrew Swanson, Tym Whisenand, Seth Bailey. Row 4: Anthony Faeh, Curtis Heuermann, Derek Rose, Braden Moody. Row 5: Coach's Aide Mark Perry, Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Student Manager Scott Smith, Student Manager Matt Swanson, Student Manager Jerod Prettyman, Assistant Coach Clay Mankin, Coach's Aide Tim Peterson.



Below: Scrambling to avoid pressure, Luke Woods pulls the ball down and searches for a hole. Woods's ability to throw and run allowed the offense to be multidimensional.





Below: Legs coiled and heads up, Jordan McHargue, Caleb Urban, and Cody Smith prepare to explode out of their stances. The Eagle coaches stressed technique and tenacity to offensive and defensive linemen.



"Football was a fun way to learn new concepts as we focused as a team on doing sports God's way."

-Derek Rose



Above: Scott Ritta, Fred Lee, and Elliot Murphy listen intently as Assistant Coach Mr. Clay Mankin lays out the defensive game plan. Although the 2009 team lacked large linemen, many players showed their true strength of leadership on and off the field.

"It was difficult to lose key players, but it was nice to see the team come together and have success even with some guys banged up."

-James Davis

"Tackling reminds me to represent Christ in giving my all while tackling the opponent and then helping him up and doing it again."

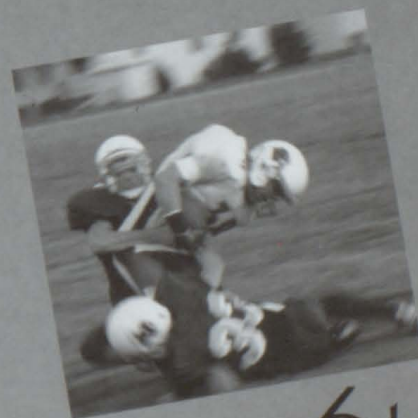
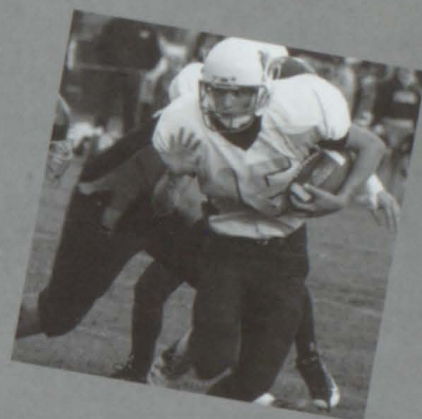
-Levi Landnigan



### Football Scorebox

Silver Lake	22-56
Kenesaw	18-46
Leigh	3-34
Palmer	34-64
Oscola	48-42
McCool Junction	37-62
Shelby	6-62
Heartland	28-60

Junior Varsity: 2-2





# Basketball

## Lasting memories

With seconds left, Alycea Unruh dribbles past defenders to the half court line and tosses the ball up for the last shot. As the ball swishes into the hoop for three points, the crowd leaps to its feet and erupts with cheering. Although this shot did not win the game for the Eagles, such a moment stands out in the 2009-2010 basketball season. Michelle Toukan said, "Even though we had a losing record, Al's three-point shot made up for that." This memory, along with many others, helped make the girls' basketball season remarkable. Another memory burned into many minds was their triumph over the Palmer Tigers during the first round of the Goldenrod Conference games. Jennifer Smith commented, "It felt good to beat a team that beat us earlier in the year, but we need to keep in mind that we should give all the glory to God." Throughout all their achievements, the Lady Eagles never failed to thank God and praise Him.

-Heidi Hofmann



Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Jennifer Smith, Amber Rainolt, Janae Landrigan, Row 2: Student manager Emily Simmons, Joanna Stuhmer, Michelle Toukan, Alycea Unruh, Tressa Johnston, Jasmine Guo, Maika Urasaki, Student manager Cailyn Ostrand, Row 3: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Heidi Hofmann, Katie Griess, Rachel Miller, Ashley Mazankowski, Shawna Ritta, Rebekah Mead, Anna Kirby, Assistant Coach Erin Mankin, Coach's Aide Frank Rodriguez.



Below: Jennifer Smith looks to pass the ball to a fellow teammate. Smith was a valuable player to the team throughout her four years at Nebraska Christian.





Below: Michelle Toukan, Jennifer Smith, Amber Rainbolt, and Ashley Mazankowski defend their basket against Dodge during the St. Edward Holiday Tournament. These four varsity players encouraged teamwork and were a great motivation to the team.



"It was awesome to see everyone improve throughout the year, and I'm excited to see what will happen next year."

-Alycea Unruh



#### Basketball Scorebox

Palmer	23-54
St. Edward	22-32
Elba	33-41
Heartland Lutheran	41-29
High Plains	31-39
St. Edward	20-36
Dodge	37-51
Fullerton	36-57
Osceola	26-51
Spalding/SA	34-64
Palmer	32-27
North-Loup Scotia	20-33
Heartland	34-60
North-Loup Scotia	40-57
Cedar Rapids	32-37
Greeley/Wolbach	34-66
Nebraska Lutheran	44-38
Shelby	42-50
Palmer	26-43

Junior Varsity: 1-14



Above: Boxing out, Shawna Ritta prepares to snag the rebound. Though Ritta only saw JV playing time, her skills continued to improve throughout the year.

"This was a challenging year, but it was fun to see us grow together as a team."

-Janae Landrigan





# basketball

## effort and attitude

In the winter of 2009, change was in the air for the boys' basketball team at Nebraska Christian with a new head coach, a new assistant coach, and even a new bus. When the Eagles showed up for conditioning on November 16, they were greeted by yet another new addition—a new outlook on the game. Prior to beginning an intense week of conditioning, Head Coach **Clay Mankin** set the tone for the year by defining the team's goal: Glorify God. Everything else would take care of itself. "Winning isn't everything, so how we bonded as a team and glorified God was great," said **Luke Woods**.

Right away in practices, it was obvious the players had received the message. The team was zipping around the gym, enthusiastic to begin the season and play the game they loved. Along with the new outlook on basketball, the new staff also brought a new motto: Effort and Attitude. Halfway through the year, during a pre-game preparation in the locker room, the coaches told the team they could control only two things — their effort and their attitude. "I thought focusing more on effort and attitude helped us relax and play more loose on the floor," stated **Scott Ritta**. With wins and losses on the backburner, the team dug into the heart of the schedule. Although only one true starter returned, the JV players of previous years had gained valuable experience, so the Eagles came out playing like a veteran team. Oddly enough, by putting less emphasis on their record, the Eagles actually ended up winning more games than last year. And while it might not show in the score box, the team ended the season playing their best, including a near upset of an undefeated Burwell squad. However, in the end, the 2009-2010 Eagles will not be remembered as a team engrossed in change, or as a team with an improved record, but as a team that played with tremendous effort and attitude to glorify God.

—Seth Bailey



Below: Focusing in on the hoop, Johnny Chang shoots a jump shot. Chang's skills extended off of the court through his leadership in the locker room.

Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Student manager Scott Smith, student manager Jerod Prettyman, Row 2: Braden Moody, Derek Rose, Jahn Landrigan, Jason Wang, Kevin Lee, Row 3: Cody Smith, Jay Han, Levi Landrigan, Luke Woods, Jonathan Smith, Wai Ng, Vu Nguyen, Seth Bailey, Row 4: Head Coach Clay Mankin, Michael Wang, Duy Trinh, Caleb Schulze, Scott Ritta, John Zhang, Adam Richardson, Elliot Murphy, Johnny Chang, Coach's Aide Adam McClanahan.





Below: Running through the Eagles' offense, Levi Landrigan prepares to hand off the ball to Jonathan Smith for an easy bucket. This simple hand off led to many buckets for the Eagles.



"I thought the team improved immensely throughout the year, especially in team chemistry."

-Adam Richardson



#### Basketball Scorebox

St. Edward	55-28
Elba	50-38
Heartland Luth.	37-72
High Plains	51-50
St. Edward	41-59
Dodge	36-54
Fullerton	48-70
Osceola	31-46
Spalding/SA	39-60
St. Edward	52-25
Burwell	27-76
Heartland	21-45
North Loup-Scotia	56-50
Cedar Rapids	34-58
Burwell	31-42
Greeley-Wolbach	31-37
Nebraska Luth.	41-50
Palmer	51-62
Shelby	19-49
Palmer	43-53

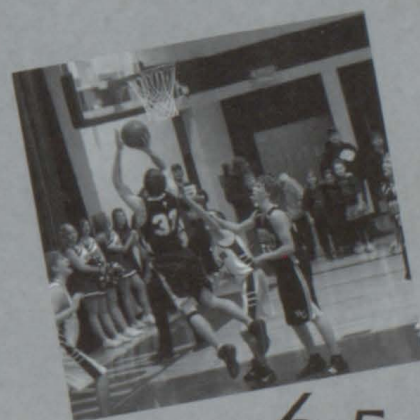
Junior Varsity: 2-13



Above: Upon receiving the ball, Derek Rose sets up a halfcourt offense. Rose often came off the bench to make big plays for the Eagles.

"Our hard work at the beginning of the year definitely paid off as the season wore on."

-Elliot Murphy





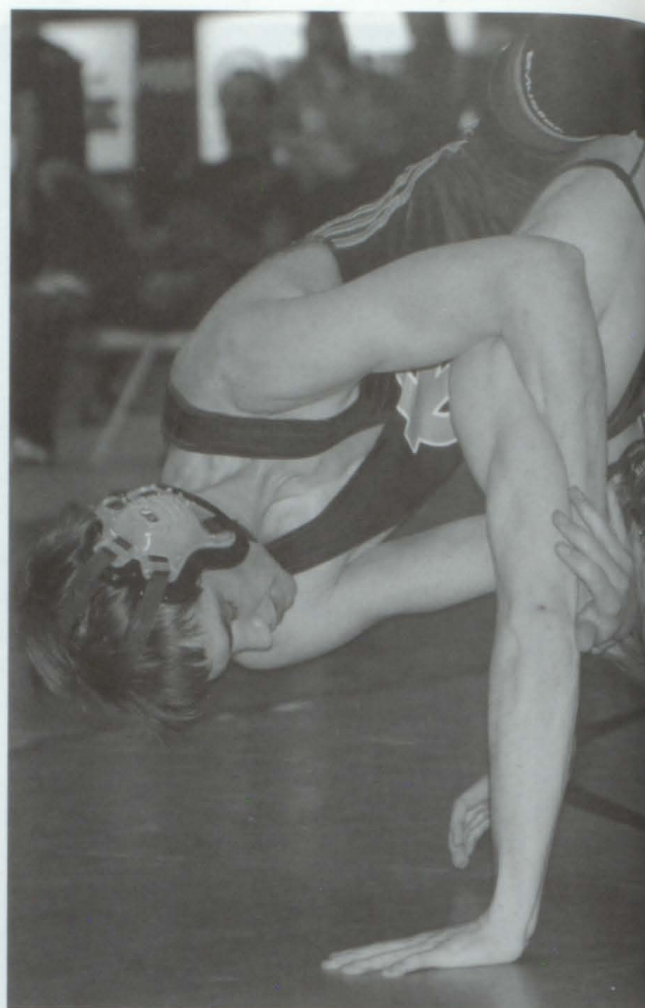
# wrestling

## standing together

Wrestling is no easy sport. Hours of daily dedication are required just to master the basics. Training one's body to compete at the level of intensity that it takes just to be an average wrestler is so exerting that some cannot even make it through the practices and have to quit the sport altogether. Wrestlers speak of mental toughness just to have an idea to cling on through practices. **Anthony Faeh** said, "The coach pushed us past the limits we wanted to go to. We wanted to quit, but we dug deep and found it in ourselves to endure. We blocked the pain out. That's mental toughness."

So why do it? Why do wrestlers keep coming back? The answer is simple: each other. A wrestling team has arguably the strongest team bond out of any sport. These guys spend two hours a day in constant pain, and throughout that time they encourage each other to keep fighting through, to do one more set. Whether team members are state-qualifying seniors or green freshmen, the wrestlers push themselves and their teammates to the max. And after it's all done and the dust on the mat has settled for the day, the team comes together in prayer, listening to each other's problems and praying over their teammates. This is what wrestling is all about—having a family that stands together.

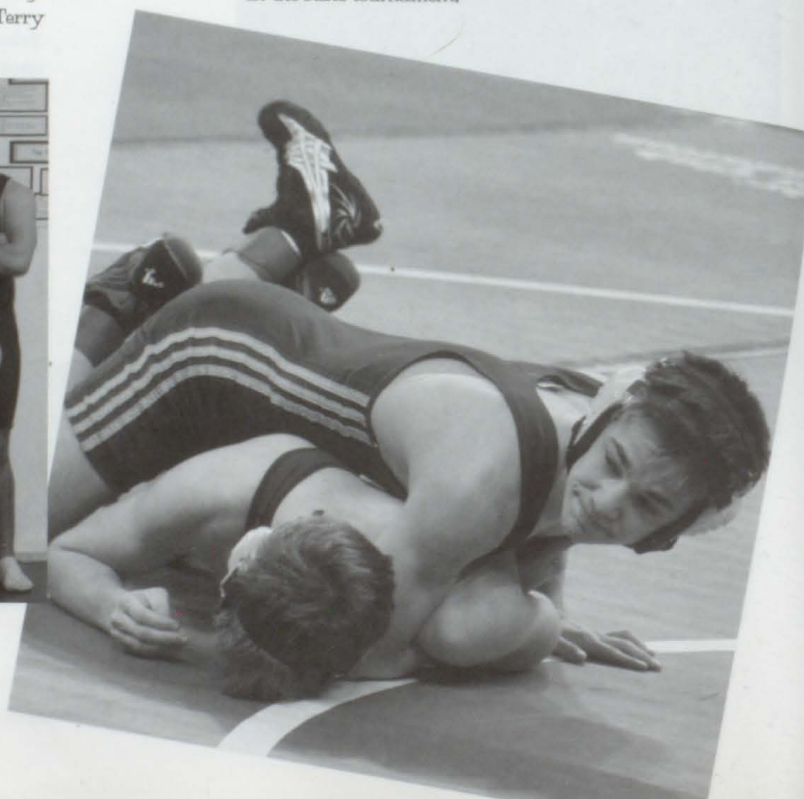
—Thayer Dungan



Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Student manager Jessica Davis, student manager Kendra Gripenstroh, student manager Tori Swanson. Row 2: Son Nguyen, Anthony Faeh, Isaac Elge, Nathan Ritta. Row 3: Curtis Heuermann, Alex Newby, Andrew Swanson, Jarrod Thiessen, Conrad Huenefeld. (Not pictured: Head Coach Terry Elge, Coach's Aide Scott Gripenstroh, Coach's Aide Chris Schweitzer.)



Below: Riding out his opponent for the last few seconds of his match, **Isaac Elge** tries to pin his competition before time runs out. As a sophomore, Elge went on to place fifth at the state tournament.





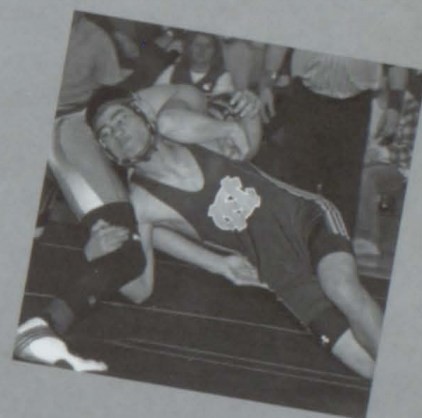
Below: Stopping his opponent from escaping, Alex Newby fights to keep control. Newby, although injured for most of the season, qualified for the state tournament in Omaha.

"It was nice to try wrestling, but I don't know if I'd do it again."  
-Conrad Huenefeld



Wrestling Meets  
Hastings St. Cecilia  
Harvard  
Fullerton  
Centura  
Osceola  
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Cross County  
Neligh-Oakdale  
Greeley/Wolbach  
CI Central Catholic  
Districts (Sutton)  
State (Omaha)

"When we practice, it's not just about wrestling. Coach Elge wants to prepare us for life."  
-Son Nguyen



"Wrestling and I have a love/hate relationship."  
-Nathan Ritta



Above: Anthony Faeh uses an invented move the wrestlers dubbed 'The Faeh Trap' to force his opponent's shoulders to the mat. Faeh pushed himself to his limits during his first year of wrestling showing a promising future.



# Track & Field

## making Strides

The cool breeze blew as the crowd grew wild, the gun was shot and the runners dashed across the track to be the first to cross the finish line. Track meets brought all kinds of athletes out to compete for their team. Jessica Davis said, "I like running and helping my team accumulate points, but I also love hanging out with my friends from other schools." However, track meets were not all about crossing the finish line first. Much time went into preparing for that one moment of reaching the finish line or achieving the best throw or jump. Grueling practices were part of the preparation to improve skills. Alycea Unruh said, "Most of the time practice is not fun, but the end result was good if you worked hard in practice." Spending nice days outside, hanging out with friends, and getting out of school to compete as well as cheer on teammates were a few perks of going out for track. On the down side, the track team also practiced and competed on the wet, cold, windy days, yet those were the days they grew the most as a team.

-Michelle Toukan



Below: Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Chloe Bauer, Tori Swanson, Katherine Welk, Jessica Kim, Jessica Davis, Rachel Miller, Carrie Beck, Alice Kim. Row 2: Scott Ritta, Duy Trinh, Braden Moody, James Davis, Derek Rose, Michelle Toukan. Row 3: Joanna Stuhmer, Anna Kirby, Shawna Ritta, Bekah Mead, Alycea Unruh, Ashley Mazankowski, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand. Row 4: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Jahn Landrigan, Levi Landrigan, Dillon Dexter, Elliot Murphy, Luke Woods, Andrew Swanson, John Zhang, Coach's Aid Larry Hoff. (Not Pictured: Thayer Dungan, Tressa Johnston, Kameron Kaelin, Trung Ngo, Kelsey Shepherd, Joey Sun, Caleb Urban.)



Below: Mustering every ounce of strength he has left, Dillon Dexter finishes the two mile race. Dexter ran the mile and two mile at the state meet, placing fourth in the mile and sixth in the two mile.





Below: Achieving lift off, Adam Richardson soars over the high jump bar. Richardson's height and athletic ability made him a perfect fit for the high jump.

"Along with building my talents, throwing the discus helps me meet new and exciting people."

-Shawna Ritta



#### Meets

Merrick County Invite

Dick O' Neill Invite

NLS Invite

Palmer Invite

Central NE Championships

Goldenrod Conference

(Burwell)

St. Edward Invite

District Meet (David City)

State Meet (Omaha)



"The 4x1 relay makes my life go round."

-Joanna Stuhmen



Above: Clearing the bar at ten feet, two inches, Michelle Toukan finishes in third place at the state meet. She also placed first in the 100 meter dash, which she ran in 12.356 seconds, breaking the school record and tying the meet record.

"I just love track."

-Elliot Murphy





# JH Sports

## athletic experiences

Learning sports in junior high can sometimes be challenging, but Nebraska Christian's junior high athletes continued to persevere. In volleyball and basketball, students learned many fundamentals, such as serving in volleyball and plays and defense in basketball. Track, on the other hand, was where athletes could try different events to discover their individual skills. "It's a new experience that I'll never forget!" exclaimed Sophia Songthangtham.

Many students had never played team sports before, so junior high was the time when they experienced a variety of new sports and learned what activities they enjoyed before having to decide which sports to play in high school. Hannah Mead said, "Junior high sports are a definite learning experience that can be frustrating at times, but it left me many good memories." Through it all, athletes grew together as a team, learning different sports.

-Cailyn Ostrand & Stephany Krieger



Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Leandra Nolan, Hannah Ritta, Sophia Songthangtham, Esther Jeong, Tonye Fisher, Michaila Lovejoy, April Faeh. Row 2: Hannah Mead, Emily Simmons, Rachel McHargue, Cailyn Ostrand, Brittany Ritta, Maddie Kirby. Row 3: Ethan Unruh, Jayden Epp, Andrew Sack, Warren Dexter, Matthew Swanson, Scott Smith. Row 4: Beran Fisher, Cameron Ruybalid, Sean Shin, Shyler Boutin, Jared Prettyman.



Below: Rapidly approaching the sand pit, Cailyn Ostrand prepares to launch herself into the air. Ostrand pushed herself and her teammates to achieve their best.





Below: Flying over the hurdle, Matthew Swanson pushes himself to set a new personal record. Although Swanson did not plan on running hurdles, he worked hard and improved at every meet.



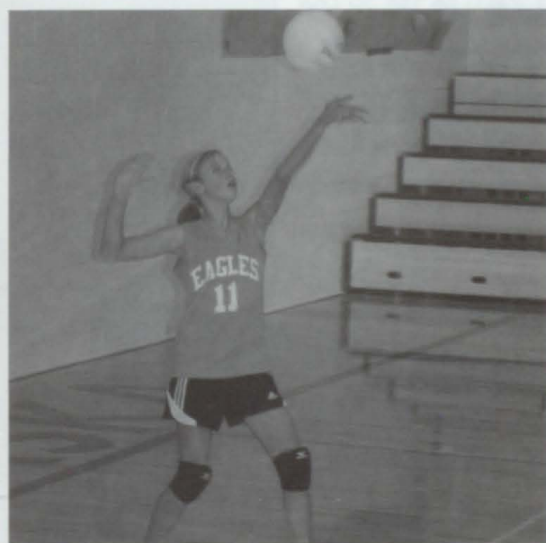
"At first when cross country started, I thought it was going to be hard. Then after I ran the first few miles it got easier."

-Rachel McHargue



### Sports

Cross Country  
Volleyball  
Boys' Basketball  
Girls' Basketball  
Wrestling  
Track



Above: In her first year playing volleyball, Emily Simmons serves with a powerful swing. Simmons' serve became stronger as the season went on, as did the girls' team unity.

"It was good and fun."

-Sean Shin



"Volleyball can be challenging, but it's fun to get to play with my teammates."

-Hannah Myers







**Abbie Lee** ... the name Abigail means "father's joy," and joy is what you brought to our family. From the moment we first held you in our arms we have been blessed to have you in our lives! Your tenderhearted spirit and compassion for souls of others is an inspiration to all who cross your path. As you continue on your journey through life remember the words of Corrie Ten Boom: "Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our path is the perfect preparation for a future only He can see." May you always "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." Matthew. 6:33  
We love you, baby girl!!!  
-Mom and Dad, Sam, Andrea and Cober, Nate and Christi

*Rebekah,  
The Lord has blessed us with a loving daughter with Jesus in your life. I Corinthians 13:17. We know Jesus has a special purpose for your life as you go off to college and meet new people and different challenges.*

*We love you,  
Dad & Mom*

*Psalms 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."*



**CJ,**  
"Along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." - Isaiah 42:16b

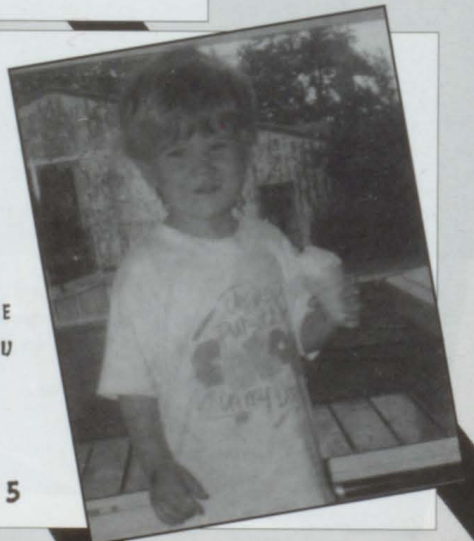
*This is our prayer for you,  
Love,  
Mom & Dad*

**RICK,**  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND VERY EXCITED TO SEE WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU NEXT.

**WE LOVE YOU!**  
-DAD, MOM, GRANT, ALEXA,  
CAMERON, JACK, AND CHASE

"BUT AS FOR YOU, CONTINUE IN WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THOSE FROM WHOM YOU LEARNED IT, AND HOW FROM INFANCY YOU HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE FOR SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS."

-2 TIMOTHY 3:14-15





Adam,

Your life has become a meeting for music, comedy, sportsmanship and friendship. Your cleverness with words, accepting "what is" without losing sight of "what could be," is just part of what makes you special.

We love you,  
Mom and Dad

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11



Alex,

We can't believe you are graduating high school! We love you and are proud of you. We pray that you will continue to seek God's wisdom in your everyday decisions. We will all be here to support you as you enter into this next chapter of your life.

Love,  
Dad and Mom  
Grandpa and Grandma Klein  
Grandpa and Grandma Newby

Philippians 3:13-14 "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

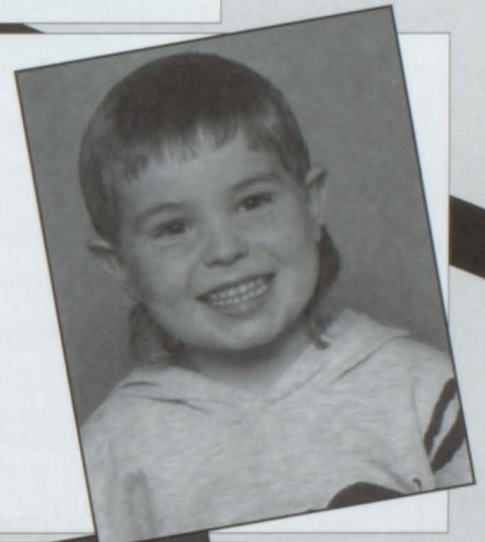


Shannon,

We are proud of you! Your decision to attend NC has helped you to become such an incredible young man. We love how we get to learn from you now.

This is our "graduation prayer" for you... That we would have the unselfishness to release you, the vision to encourage you, the faithfulness to continually pray for you and the wisdom to be there whenever, wherever that may be.

Love,  
Dad and Mom



Fred and Johnny,


Life in the dorm will never be the same. Remember Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Love,  
Mr. and Mrs. Flynn





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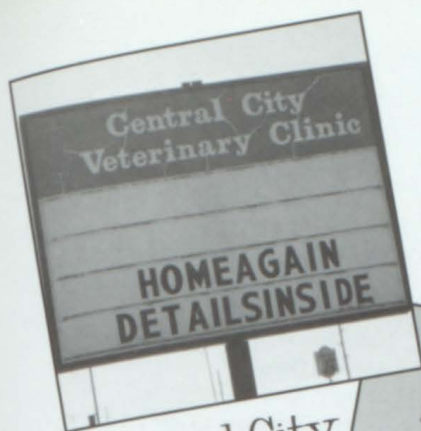
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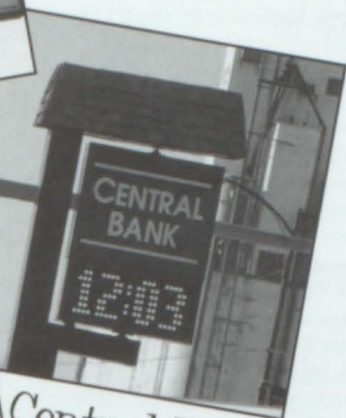
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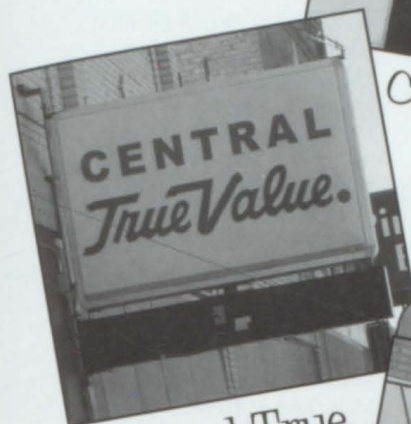
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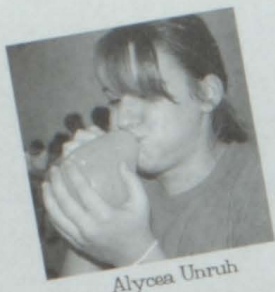


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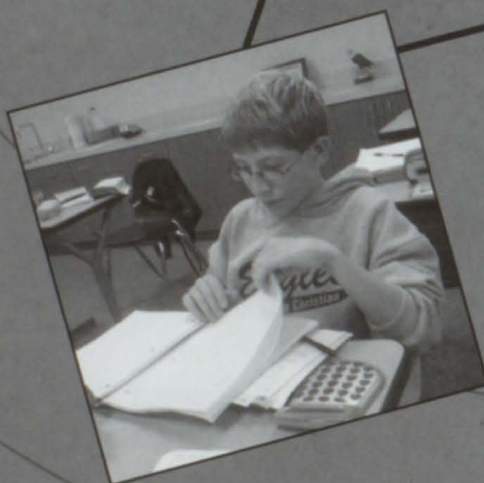
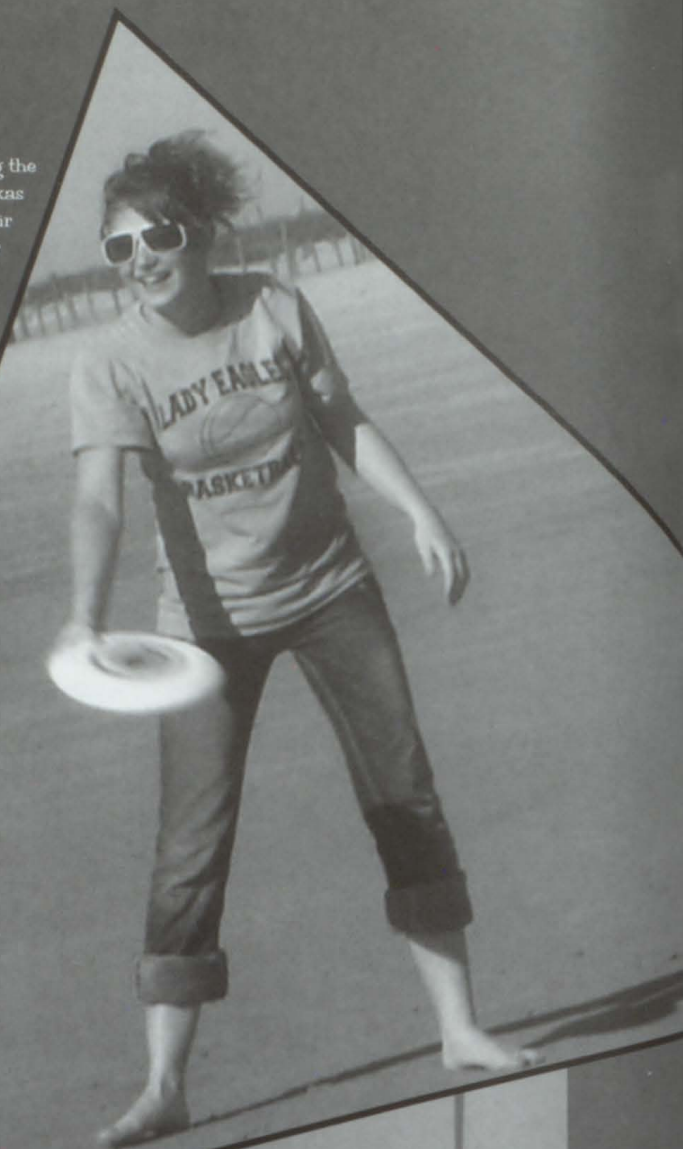


# Senior

Right: Grinning while tossing the Frisbee during the senior trip, Kelsey Shepherd soaks up the Texas sunshine. The seniors thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon on the beach, scouring the beach for seashells, building sandcastles, and splashing in the freezing waves.

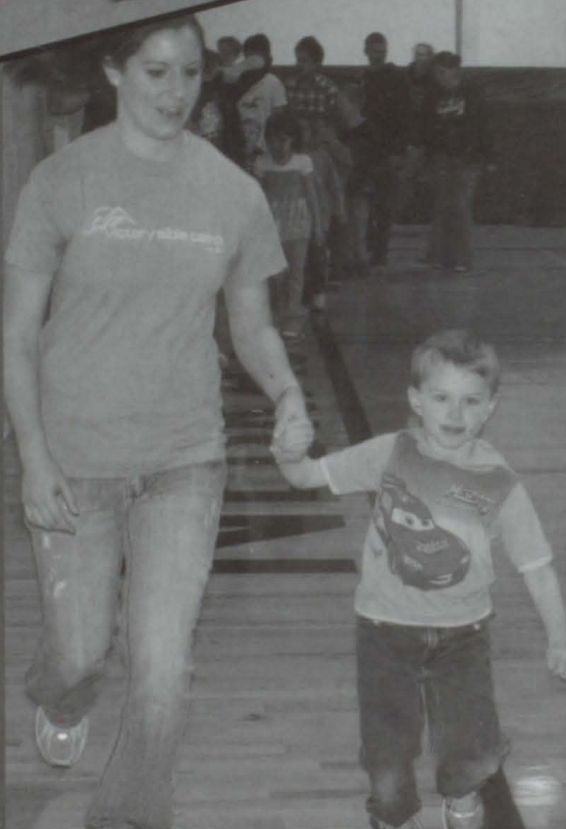


Above: Cail Mao swears to tell the whole truth during a mock trial in Business Law class. The mock trial was held to allow students to incorporate their studies in a hands-on way.



Above: Andrew Sack diligently works on his math homework for the day. Though math assignments were challenging at times, Sack persevered with the help of his teacher, Mrs. Kimmarie Woods, and fellow classmates.

Right: Janae Landrigan walks with Michael Ameden during the school's Walk-For-A-Ride event. Students were sponsored by friends and family to walk five miles in order to raise money for the new bus.





Below: Plunging into their bowls of whipped cream, Abbie Krug, Anthony Faah, Son Nguyen, and Jessica Davis attempt to find the bubble gum and blow a bubble before the others. The Student Council hosted a final event of the year by throwing a Spring Games, which included the bubble gum race, an obstacle course, a javelin throw, and a bike relay.

Below: New Students, front to back, left to right: Row 1: Andrew Winsterman (5), Ryan Dexter (3), Row 2: Cheyenne Dringman (2), Sammie Osentowski (2), Cierra Dringman (4), Alison Winsterman (3), Row 3: Nick Le (11), Maika Urasaki (10), Tyra Co (9), Warren Dexter (7), Row 4: Abigail Winsterman (11), Kameron Kaelin (10), Jacob Winsterman (9), James You (auditor), (Not Pictured: Tressa Johnston (11), Sean Shin (8), Jim Tao (10))



Right: Andrew Swanson mentally prepares to demolish the pinata while Mrs. Tonya Ostrand blindfolds him. The Spanish II class celebrated the end of the school year by throwing an authentic fiesta, complete with fried sopapillas.



## trusting travelers

With lesson-stamped passports in hand, travelers of Nebraska Christian embarked on the next leg of their journeys. Though eager for the adventures to come, many held their share of doubts. For believers, for those who had repented of their sin and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior, the final destination was clear—eternity worshipping the Lord. However, other unknown areas surfaced daunting questions. What paths would they take while on earth? What hardships would they face? Would other pilgrims join them along the way? How would they know which way to go when the inevitable crossroads appeared?

When these nagging questions aroused, the wise travelers remembered their most important tool for their journeys—the moral compass of God's Word. The Bible provided a standard in an ever-shifting world, as well as direction when travelers faced many forks in their roads. Ultimately, they found their comfort in the simple words of Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

By trusting the Lord rather than their own ideas, the trusting travelers would faithfully follow Him wherever He led, as He made their paths straight.

-Janelle Bailey





The 2009 - 2010 students and faculty in front of the Administration building.

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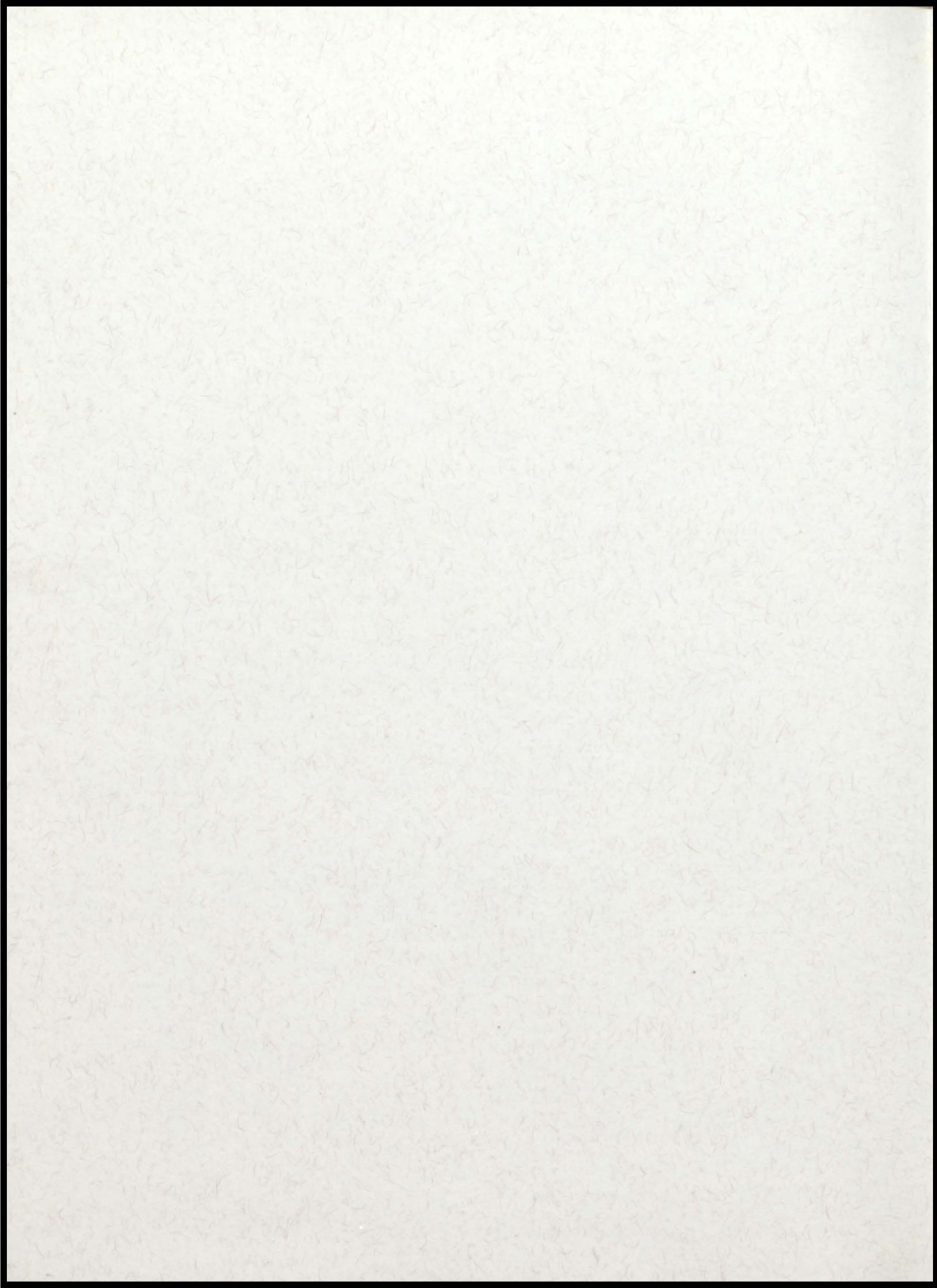
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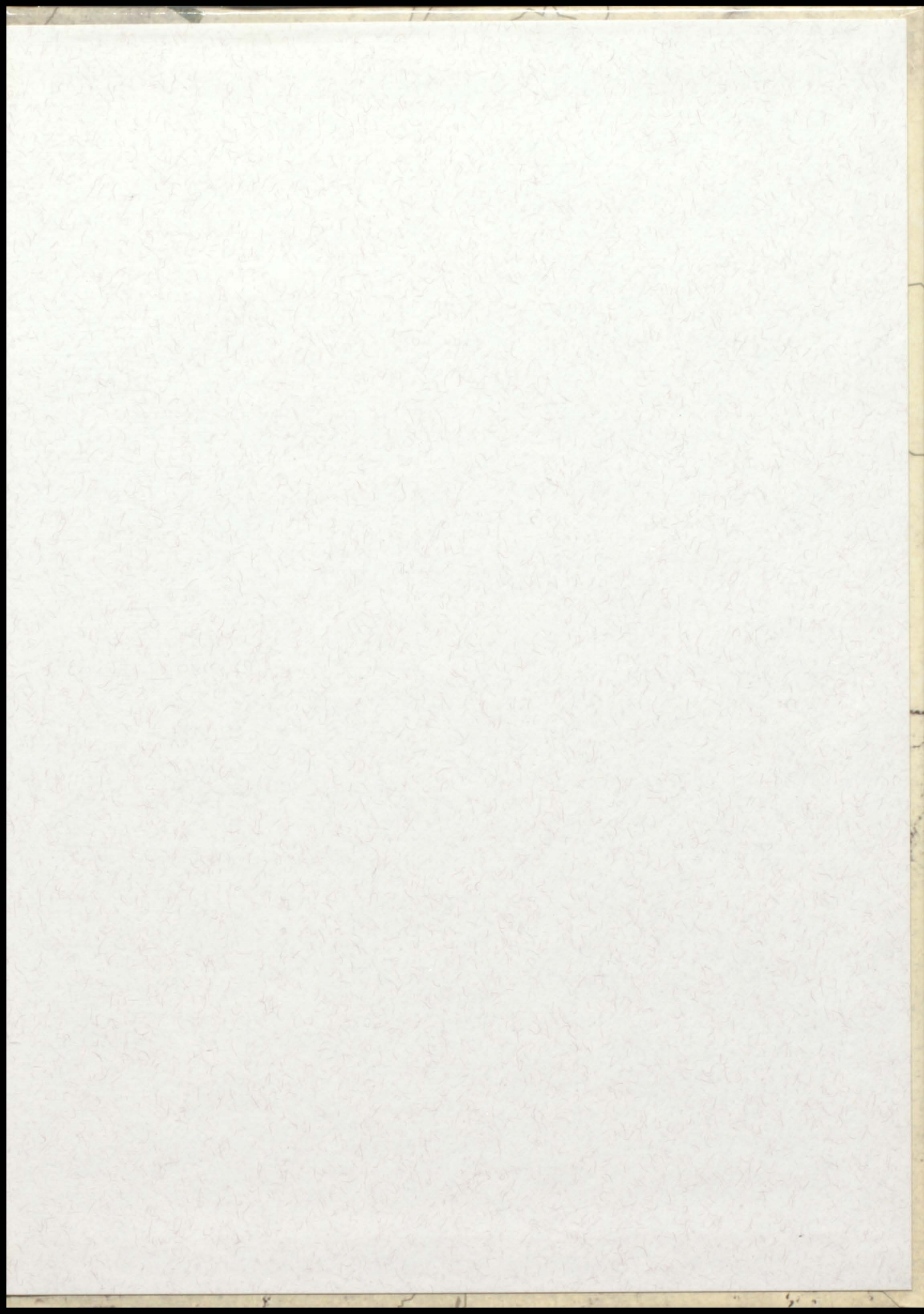




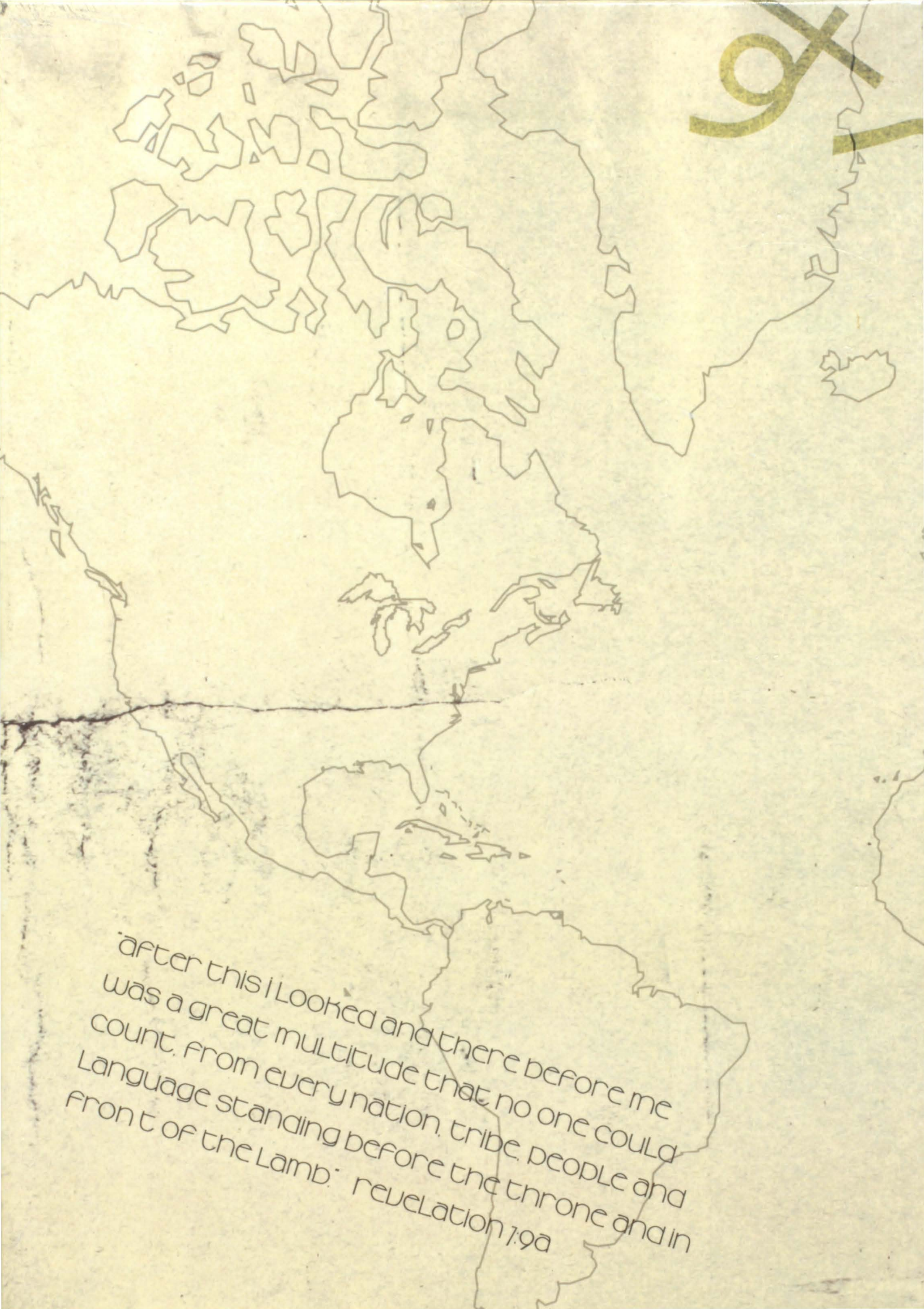












"after this I Looked and there before me  
was a great multitude that no one could  
count, from every nation, tribe, people and  
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